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'Norman charged in and gored me with a dirty three-inch penknife'

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Libby Purves praises the counsellors who had the bottle to quit



Mowlam tries to reassure Catholics

Ulster faces second night of violence

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SCORES of armour-plated police Land Rovers poured into the village of Bellaghy in Northern Ireland last night to try to prevent clashes between Orange marchers and local Roman Catholics.

Loyalists agreed to restrict their march through the village in Co Londonderry after the rioting that accompanied the parade at Drumcree on Sunday. Nevertheless, Catholics hurled bricks and placards at police in riot gear who had formed a cordon to separate the two groups.

The Bellaghy parade was rerouted as Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, indicated that she would take a tougher approach to the Protestant marching season next year. She made clear that she would adopt the North Report, which recommended that the Independent Parades Commission should decide whether contentious parades should go ahead.

In the meantime, she was seeking more flexibility from Orange Order leaders, whom she met at Stormont Castle last night. I expect to see some willingness and understanding of the events of this weekend reflected in their

words and actions during the days ahead. There can and should be no triumphalism.

She was referring to the violence on Sunday night after the RUC allowed Orangemen to march down the Catholic Garvaghy Road into Portadown under guard of 1,500 police and troops. In the most serious republican riots since the 1981 hunger strikes, youths hijacked and burnt cars while the IRA and the INLA launched gun and bomb attacks on police stations across the province.

More than 100 people were hurt in the clashes, including 46 police. Two 14-year-old boys were still seriously ill in hospital yesterday: a Roman Catholic hit in the head by a plastic bullet, and a Protestant who was hit on the shoulder by a stray bullet as gunmen opened fire on the police.

The RUC said that there were 548 attacks on the security forces during the night, 221 hijackings and 691 petrol bombings. Police fired 1,600 plastic bullets and a number of live rounds, and 41 people were arrested.

Dr Mowlam understood nationalist anger, but said: "Nothing justifies the orchestrated violence we have seen over the past 24 hours. I appeal to everyone and all those with influence to call for an end to violence immediately. I understand the frustration, but demonstrating in this way does no one any good. And it costs us dear."

But in spite of her appeal, the IRA stepped up its campaign last night with a series of bomb warnings to Belfast hotels. Rioters were also back on the streets of the city and in other towns, throwing petrol bombs at the security forces and hijacking and burning vehicles. In south Belfast, a body was found near the scene of a small explosion on the nationalist Drumcree estate.

Dr Mowlam was criticised by nationalists for allowing the Drumcree march to go ahead and leaders of residents' groups in Garvaghy Road and the Lower Ormeau Road in Belfast — which could be the next flashpoint on Saturday — said that they wanted nothing to do with her.

Brenda McKenna of the Garvaghy Residents' Coalition said Dr Mowlam should resign. "We have been betrayed," she said.

Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Féin, said the Government had failed its first test. "Once again the Orange card has triumphed. The question Mr Blair must answer is how does he propose to bridge the huge gulf which the Garvaghy Road decision has created."

But the Prime Minister backed Dr Mowlam, and he was said to have had a "positive and constructive" conversation with the Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahern, who has been muted in his criticism of the Government, believing that Dr Mowlam went out of her way to try to secure a compromise between the two sides.

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One of the injured victims of the coach crash is carried to safety. The most seriously hurt were ferried to hospital by three helicopters

Pupils die in French bus crash

By ADRIAN LEE
IN MOUTIERS
SUSAN BELL
AND ROBIN YOUNG

TWO British teenagers died and 25 of their companions were in hospital last night after a coach carrying them on a school holiday fell 70ft into a ravine in the French Alps.

Nicola Moore, 16, was killed instantly when, without warning, the coach veered off the narrow winding road between the villages of Notre Dame du Pré and Longefoy.

As anxious parents and teachers gathered at St James's Church of England School in Farnworth, Bolton, they were told that Robert Boardman, 14, had died in hospital from his injuries.

His best friend, Keith Riddings, 14, who was sitting beside him on the coach, was taken in a critical condition to a hospital in Moutiers. Later, as arrangements were made to fly out his mother, he was transferred to a specialist head injuries unit in Grenoble.

David Bowes, headmaster of St James's School, said: "Everyone is numb with shock. Two families are grieving and we grieve with them."

The youngsters, aged between 11 and 16, were on a week's adventure holiday and had been rock climbing and white water rafting. They were due to return home on Friday. Sixteen of the children and three of their teachers had

separated from the rest of the party of 46 for a visit to a popular rock climbing site.

The French police were still investigating the cause of the crash last night. It happened in perfect weather on what they described as a "very narrow and dangerous road". They said no other vehicle had been involved.

However, Michel Barnier, president of the regional council for the Haute Savoie department said that although the road at the point where the bus crashed was narrow, it was straight and had recently been relaid.

He said: "It is a route that demands attention, but at that point there are no bends. The front right wheel caught on the edge of the road. The bus lost its balance and gradually toppled off the road."

Police officers were waiting

at the bedside of the British driver, who was in intensive care after suffering broken ribs in the crash. Last night, a French government official said that although the investigation was proceeding, driver error appeared to be the most likely cause of the accident.

The party had switched to a locally rented French vehicle after their own coach broke down. French vehicles do not have to meet such strict safety standards as British coaches. It was not known last night whether the French coach was fitted with seat belts.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard Belondrade, for the police, described how the coach had careened off the road and into the gorge. It then slammed against a tree and toppled onto its side. Witnesses said that the dense forest prevented the green and white coach falling still further and causing even more casualties.

Three helicopters took the most seriously injured to two hospitals at Moutiers and Bourg-St Maurice. Jean-Claude Gaysot, the Transport Minister, visited the injured last night.

Brian Pullen, the British consul, who also saw the injured youngsters, said: "Not all of them are well enough to be told that two of their friends have died. They are all very shocked and very distressed."

He added that many of the children had cuts and bruises, but ten had sustained more

serious injuries. Mr Bowes told pupils of the accident at a special assembly. Many of those who knew the dead and injured went home in tears as others stood around in groups waiting for further news.

The Foreign Office said there had been 27 people on the coach, including the 16 schoolchildren, six other teenagers, four adults and the driver.

The pupils had been staying in the mountain village of Peisey-Nancroix, 20 minutes' drive from the ski resort of Les Arcs, and about 15 miles from the scene of the accident. The area is a popular destination for British tourists.

The party travelled from Bolton to France last Friday in a coach from Charterplan Coaches of Stockport, Greater Manchester. The Confederation of Passenger Transport UK said. However, the vehicle broke down on Saturday and a local French coach was hired to replace it, with the Charterplan driver behind the wheel.

In the Commons, David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, expressed his sorrow: "We would all wish to send our best wishes and condolences to them."

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Shots shatter boys' football dreams

By AUDREY MAGEE AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE two boys of 14 from either side of the sectarian divide who were injured after being shot during the rioting in Belfast had career prospects as goalkeepers with leading English teams.

Craig McCann, a Protestant, was shot above the heart by Republican gunmen as he peered over the wall of the peace line dividing Protestant and Catholic Belfast. He is goalkeeper with the local Protestant Shankill team and was to go for a trial with Chelsea later this summer. He recently returned from a cross-community trip of Protestants and Catholics to Germany. He was out of intensive care last night.

Gary Lawler, a Catholic, was shot in the back of the head with a plastic bullet fired by police during rioting in nationalist West Belfast. He

plays for the Catholic Newhall team. He has had trials in Manchester and Liverpool. His condition was critical last night.

The boys underwent major surgery yesterday in separate Belfast hospitals.

Phil, a 17-year-old friend who was beside Craig when he was shot, said that Craig lived for football, but might never be able to play again. He said: "We were just hanging over the wall when we saw two masked men come out of a house with guns. They fired at us — rat-tat-tat, it went. I ducked but Craig got hit. He jumped off the wall, walked across the grass and collapsed with shock."

The older of two children, Craig lives just off the Shankill Road in the heart of Protestant Belfast.

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Schools are set test by Blunkett

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

A REVAMPED inspection service will spearhead the Government's assault on low standards in schools.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, yesterday set a five-year target for improvement at every level of schooling. He promised "zero tolerance" of under-performance and told schools that if they failed to raise achievement they would face intervention by local and national authorities.

A summary of the White Paper, *Excellence in Schools*, is to be distributed in supermarkets. Schools will be given two terms' notice of an inspection, rather than the current five, and parents will meet the inspection team after, as well as before, a visit.

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Gallery hopes to pull in the crowds with convenience art

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A LAVATORY, fully plumbed-in, is to be installed in one of Britain's leading galleries as a work of art. But guards at the Institute for Contemporary Arts in London will be on hand to tell visitors that they cannot treat it in the accustomed manner.

The latest sculpture from the British artist Sarah Lucas, 35, may look like an ordinary lavatory to the uninitiated. Indeed, it is an ordinary lavatory. But she gave it a title, *The Great Flood*, signed it, and exhibited it.

A German collector bought it for what is believed to have been £12,000 last year and has agreed to lend it to the ICA for its summer exhibition opening on Saturday. The buyer had the lavatory plumbed into his house, according to Gregor Muir, co-curator of the ICA show. He did not know where but knew it was somewhere guests would not expect to see

it. Visitors to the ICA, which the taxpayer funds through a £815,000 grant from the Arts Council, will be allowed to pull the chain, but that is all.

Mr Muir recalled that, when the work was shown in Berlin, two members of the public showed their appreciation by putting it to good use. "They weren't stopped," Mr

Muir said. "In some ways it is the ultimate involvement of the audience." The artist herself said yesterday she would not mind if anyone did put her work to functional use at the ICA.

Commenting on what Ms Lucas was saying through the title, Mr Muir said: "In some ways, it is strikingly poetic... A bold twist on words."

He places Ms Lucas on a pedestal as "one of the more interesting artists in Britain at the moment". She was highly tipped to be shortlisted for the Turner Prize. Critics have described her works as "witty, sharp and compassionate", and collectors are prepared to pay up to £16,000 to own one of them.

Commenting on the ICA exhibit, the artist said: "The toilet is everybody's great friend. The height of hygiene and getting rid of the bad stuff."



"Strikingly poetic"



"Are those pigeons doing a victory roll or is it my imagination?"

Owl found dead

Paula, the eagle owl that made its home in St Paul's Cathedral, was found dead after office workers saw it lying on a ledge.

Coe shares record

Kenya-born Wilson Kipketer, of Denmark, equalled Sebastian Coe's 16-year-old 800 metres world record of 1min 41.73sec in Stockholm.

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Hurricane Norman is forecast to go right on blowing

JOE Chamberlain put it best in a speech reported in *The Times* for March 21, 1892. "It is a very curious thing," he said, "the types of the House of Commons are constant, although the men change."

"You have the foolish man ... the man with one idea ... You have the independent man ... you have the man who is a little cracked ..."

"Then you have the weighty man. And, gentlemen, the gravity of a weighty man of the House of Commons is a thing to which there is no parallel in

the world. I have never known the House without a funny man ... When he dies ... there is another to take his place."

This sketch hopes to chart the emergence, from the sea of still-unknown faces in our new Parliament, of each of these types. But today let us return to that Chamberlain speech. "Then you have the House of Commons here."

Yesterday afternoon, Mr Norman Baker (Lib Dem, Lewes) asked the Home Secretary what plans he had to

amend the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, 1986.

Mr Baker wanted to know about "xenotransplantation" and about the exploitation of animals for commercial gain — something he considered "an abomination". He wanted less experiments and more inspectors. He wanted to know what the Government were going to do about it.

Taken in isolation, Mr Baker's question was coherent. If stated in rather dramatic language, you wonder into the Chamber for the first time,

hear him speak, and suppose you had seen just another dutiful backbench MP.

But that is because you would not have been in the Chamber on the previous 48 occasions on which Mr Baker has risen to tackle ministers since the new Commons sat. In some 34 sitting days, Baker has raised a bewildering variety of issues with everybody from the Prime Minister to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. This was his first question to the Home Secretary, so he seems to have missed a trick.

He does not miss many. The average MP makes four speeches per year, and if everyone is to have a turn, not

too many must ask for more. We have yet to know what Mr Baker's tally will be, but the outlook is grim.

Last week at Transport Questions he was in favour of getting people out of cars and into trains, but against further delays to a by-pass in his constituency. This came after what was (for Mr Baker) a long period of silence: three sitting days — possibly shell-shock after 24 interventions in the Plant Varieties Bill the previous Tuesday and questions to the Prime Minister

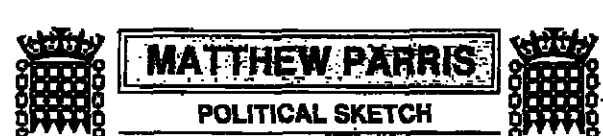
(Would he visit Lewes?) the day after. Baker expressed to Mr Blair, within the compass of a single enquiry, his views on investment in Health, Education and the Police, as well as his opinion on income tax rates. Then Hurricane Norman seemed temporarily to have blown itself out.

That Monday had heard Mr Baker's views on accessibility to the legal system, just as the previous Wednesday had listened to him on organic farming. The week before had heard Baker on the Revenue

Support Grant (Somerset), and the Business of the House. There is no space to relay to you his opinions on the Release of Documents, Aid targets, Benefits take-up, legal aid and school buildings.

None of Baker's thoughts is without merit but, assembled, they do seem unmarshallable by any sort of presiding logic. There is no theme to the pudding.

Liberal Democracy is fertile soil for this Commons type. Mr Baker should go far. A bore is born.



MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Passengers grab rivals' seats to beat BA strike

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of business travellers and holidaymakers could be stranded at Heathrow and Gatwick airports from tomorrow as British Airways cabin crew begin a series of strikes over pay and conditions.

Unless there is a quick settlement further walkouts are planned, with the next three-day strike probably timed to coincide with the BA annual general meeting on July 15.

Within hours of the collapse of talks between BA and the British Airlines Stewards and Stewardesses Association every seat on rival airlines had been snapped up, leaving those passengers who had not been booked on an alternative flight with almost no chance of finding a seat on the routes affected before the strike begins at 6.00am tomorrow.

British Airways claims that more than half the 3,500 cabin crew required by law to staff their flights over the next three days have now indicated that they will turn up for work. But they still expect to have to cancel dozens of flights, especially from Heathrow, in the first serious industrial action to hit the airline since cabin crew last walked out in 1989.

The airline, which operates 1,000 flights a day around the world, plans to run all domestic

and European flights to and from Gatwick, all international flights to and from British regional airports, domestic flights other than those which operate to Heathrow and all services operated by franchise and alliance partners such as Brymon, Loganair, Maersk, GB Airways, CityFlyer Express, TAT, Deutsche BA, Qantas, and Comair.

In addition half the long haul services, a quarter of European flights from Heathrow and a third of intercontinental services from Gatwick should operate normally. Worst affected will be all short-haul and domestic flights from Heathrow.

The precise number of affected flights was changing hourly last night as BA contacted individual crew members to ensure they would be available for duty. The planned number of flights which BA now expects to be able to operate was creeping up late last night as more cabin crew pledged to work normally.

British Airways "performance managers" telephoned rostered crew at home warning them that they had "a duty to co-operate with your employer" and demanding that they contact their duty officer. As a result of the calls, which

many staff regarded as intimidating, BA was able to raise the number of European short-haul services they will be able to fly from Heathrow's terminal one from 20 per cent to 35 per cent.

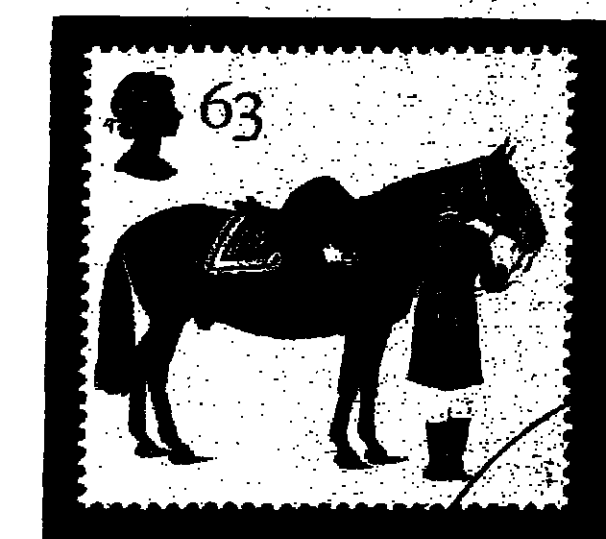
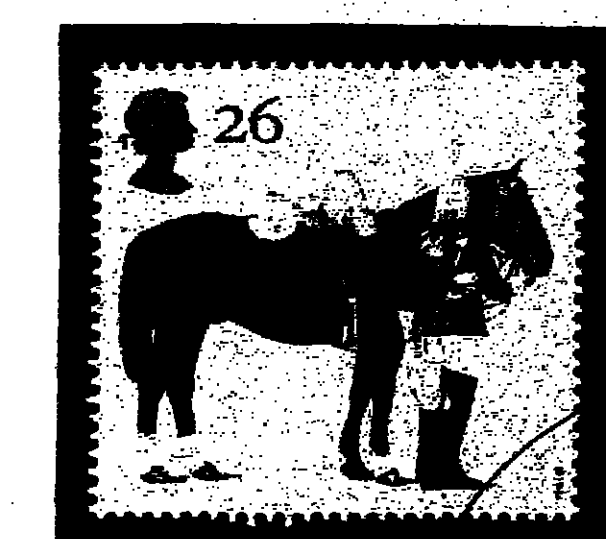
Under Civil Aviation Authority regulations any flight containing more than 20 passengers must carry a minimum of one steward or stewardess per 50 passengers. A short haul jet carrying between 100 and 150 passengers would, therefore, have to have three cabin crew members.

Holidaymakers, especially those booked on long-haul flights, have largely escaped the worst effects of the strike. Kuoni, for example, has managed to rebook all 250 of its passengers due to travel over the three days of the strike on rival airlines. Air France said it had no spare capacity and would not even be able to carry BA passengers on long-haul international flights from Paris even if they got to the airport by train.

Tony Blair is refusing to become embroiled in the BA strike (Philip Webster writes). In what will be seen as an attempt to distance the Government from the strike, Downing Street yesterday said it had to be "sorted out by those involved".



A new set of stamps showing the Queen's ceremonial horses, to honour the 50th anniversary of the British Horse Society, is issued today. The four stamps set, entitled *All the Queen's Horses*, was unveiled at a ceremony at



the Royal Mews, London. The four horses featured in the stamps, two carriage horses from the Royal Mews and two horses from the Household Cavalry, appeared at the ceremony accompanied by their riders.

The guards, pictured alongside the horses in full ceremonial dress, have their faces concealed to conform with the Royal Mail's convention of not identifying living people, other than the Royal Family, on stamps.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Irvine lifts 'ageist' limit for new magistrates

People aged up to 65 will be able to put themselves forward to be magistrates after the removal yesterday of the current age bar which operates informally at 55. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, said: "The current policy is ageist."

"I believe it acts as an inhibition and does not pay sufficient regard to the contribution which older people can make to the life of their communities," Lord Irvine said that people were remaining fit into their later years and retained the ability to perform a public service. The statutory retirement age of 70 will remain.

Four suspended

Four councillors were suspended by Doncaster council's Labour group yesterday after consultation with the national party, in the wake of allegations about their conduct in handling planning applications. The council is already being investigated by the police after a critical District Auditor's report earlier this year.

Stain evidence

Bloodstains on a jumper worn by Tracie Andrews, who is accused of the roadside murder of her fiancé, were inconsistent with her account of his stabbing, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday. David Loxley, a forensic scientist, said the stains were probably caused as blood spurted from Lee Harvey's neck, not as she cuddled him.

Nurses' case halts

The trial in Saudi Arabia of two British nurses accused of murdering an Australian colleague was halted in as judges debated whether to dismiss the case. A lawyer for Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan said he believed discussion centred on confessions which the nurses say were made under sexual and physical duress.

Spina bifida case

A woman who says she would have had an abortion had she known she was carrying a spina bifida baby yesterday sued for damages. Margaret Wigger, 40, of Harlow, Essex, delivered Carly in March 1982. North Essex Health Authority, which denies liability, says the action is "statute barred", because it is outside the three-year time limit.

Psychiatry plea

Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of SANE, the charity founded after her articles on schizophrenia in *The Times* in 1985, called for 400 vacant psychiatry posts to be filled. She launched her campaign for more awareness of mental health needs at a ceremony conferring on her an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Minister criticised on £2m BP shares

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

A SENIOR Labour minister who resigned as chairman of BP to join the Government was criticised by Tory MPs yesterday for failing to declare his £2 million shareholding in the company in the Register of Lords' Interests.

The Tories predicted a potential conflict of interest after the Government confirmed that Lord Simon of Highbury, the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, had not sold his shares in the multinational oil company.

Lord Simon, 57, was one of the most senior businessmen that Tony Blair recruited to Labour's cause. He was ennobled in May so he could sit as a minister in the Lords. Peers do not face such strict rules as MPs over what they must declare, and Lord Simon was under no obligation to declare his shareholding.

Last night John Bercow, Tory MP for Buckingham, tabled a Commons Early Day Motion calling for Lord Simon to resign from the Government. The motion expressed regret at Lord Simon's failure to sell his shares, and his failure to declare them in the register interests.

The Government's assurances that Lord Simon was not involved in the Treasury or DTI work which posed an actual or apparent conflict of interest shareholdings were said to be "unconvincing".

John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said: "This is such a huge shareholding. I do think it would have been safer to have registered." Under Whitehall rules, ministers must sell any shares "if it seems likely that any of them might give rise to an actual or apparent conflict of interest".

In a letter to Mr Redwood, Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said that Lord Simon had placed some shares in a blind trust and had undertaken not to trade in BP shares until next January, when the situation would be "reviewed". She added: "He is not involved in any of the DTI business which covers BP, nor does he receive any papers which have a bearing on BP." Similar arrangements applied at the Treasury.

Straw takes on cowboy clampers

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS to tackle "cowboy" wheel-clampers who charge exorbitant fines are being drawn up by Jack Straw as part of a wider move to regulate private security services.

The Home Secretary is preparing to force all wheel-clampers to register with their local authority. He wants a maximum fine that can be levied. At present anyone is entitled to clamp a vehicle if it is parked on his or her private land and there are adequate warning signs.

But ministers have received a growing number of complaints from people who say they have been buffeted by huge cash fines on the spot or risk further costs of the vehicle being impounded. In many cases there have been no signs, or only small ones invisible in the dark, and fines have been imposed within minutes of someone leaving a car.

Government sources suggested that the new maximum fines would be £50.

Boys shot in riot

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Belfast. Murals supporting loyalist paramilitaries decorate the entrance to his street and Union Flags hang from many of the windows. His aunt, who declined to be named, said his parents, Gary and Christine, did not want any retaliation.

On the other side of the Springfield Road and the so-called peace lines dividing the

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Sleepless couple win their tireless battle to silence the cock crow

Morning chorus can be too much, even in farm country, the High Court has ruled. Kathryn Knight reports

A FARMER and his wife grew increasingly tired of being woken at cock crow, the High Court heard yesterday. The trouble was that the noise came from up to 40 cockerels at a neighbouring farm.

Their cries began at 2.30am, or even earlier if there was a full moon. And the exceptional chorus was also joined by ducks, geese and guinea fowl.

Instead of country sounds being one of the pleasures of rural life, the pig farmer Michael Burke and his wife found that the cacophony from a poultry farm made it impossible to get a good night's sleep.

And yesterday, they won the backing of two judges. The court rejected an appeal against a noise abatement notice issued by South Somerset District Council against John and Sandra Lowe's poultry business in Southill, near Somerton. After the hearing, Mr Lowe said the decision threatened to shatter his dream of a rural retirement idyll.

"I chose to farm the birds in a traditional way, in the fresh air and on fresh grass," he said. "Mr Burke's piggy bank doesn't even need to be in the country. It's all housed inside. His pigs absolutely stink, but we have all learned to live with that."

The court was told that Mr Lowe, a retired hospital pharmacist, had moved into Windyridge, a bungalow on Windyridge Lane in 1993, and started to breed hundreds of rare and old-fashioned types of fowl, while his wife bred geese and ducks.

He kept up to 40 cockerels, some of whom were kept in an enclosure at the side of his bungalow on the picturesque private country lane where the two properties are situated. Other cockerels roamed free

with geese, ducks and other poultry on three acres of grass land.

Across the road was the Burke's piggy bank, Hazelhurst Farm, housing 3,500 pigs in intensive units. The only other noise disturbing the country peace were from the birds and beasts on other small farms and smallholdings scattered around the area.

The court had heard that from the early hours, the birds' chorus would drift through the Burkes' bedroom windows. After months of sleepless nights, they complained to the council.

After the complaints, health experts visited the farm and discovered the pre-dawn cacophony rose to between 46 and 48 decibels in Mr and Mrs Burke's bedroom. World Health Organisation criteria state that 36 decibels is the level above which sleeping becomes a problem.

An enforcement order was slapped on the Lowes requesting an end to the "crowing of cockerels and chorus of wild-fowl." They were asked to provide dark housing to help keep the birds quiet between 10pm and 6am, or to take other "no less effective" measures.

In May last year, the court was told, the Lowes appealed against the enforcement notice to Yeovil magistrates' court. Their appeal was dismissed after Mrs Burke told the magistrates of being woken by the cockerels as early as 2.30am, "depending on the time of year" and that "the ducks and geese would join in on wet days". When there was a full moon, Mrs Burke said, the cockerels would start crowing even earlier than usual.

The Lowes told the magistrates there was little they

could do to stop their cockerels doing what came naturally. Mr Burke said he could not afford to buy poultry houses, which each cost £800, and that the noise was no more than could be expected in a country area.

Yesterday, Pushpinder Saini, for Mr Lowe, again asked for the noise enforcement order to be overturned and said it had been imprecise and misleading. However, rejecting the appeal, Lord Justice Henry, sitting with Mr Justice Gage, upheld the magistrates' decision and said that it had been made quite clear to the Lowes that their birds were a common nuisance and had to be silenced by whatever means was practical.

The Lowes were ordered to pay the action's legal costs. Mr Lowe who now faces prosecution for not having complied with the order.

Afterwards, he said that that he was brought up on a poultry farm, and that in retirement he had hoped that money from his birds would supplement his income. He added: "This is not only disappointing, but ruinous for me. I shall probably have to sell the farm to try and fund the cost of all this."

He would initially have to get rid of most of the poultry to comply with the order. "I farmed them in a traditional way. The irony is that I bought the farm in Southill because I knew people locally were tolerant about the piggy bank. Neighbours are furious about what has happened. His pigs absolutely stink, but we have all learned to live with that."

A very busy road measures around 85 decibels, while noisy church bells come in at around 70. Any sustained volume of 90 decibels is dangerous for the hearing.



A French policeman checks the wreckage of the coach that crashed in the French Alps, killing two British teenagers and injuring 25 others

Parents wait to hear children's fate

Russell Jenkins at the school stricken by the crash

ANXIOUS parents rushed to St James's Church of England School in Bolton yesterday not knowing whether their children were on the lists of dead and injured.

They were taken into a small office in the low-rise 950-pupil grant-maintained high school where the head teacher, Mr David Bowes, read out the list of the uninjured boys and girls.

The fearful parents left behind were told that Nicola Moore, 16, had died when the French coach carrying the children to water sports activities in the French Alps plunged 60 feet down a ravine.

Later the news came that Robert Boardman, 14, had died in hospital from his injuries and that his best friend, Keith Riddings, 14, was in hospital critically injured. Kim Roscoe, 38, whose daughter

Victoria, 13, was one of the uninjured, said there were about 30 parents ushered in to hear the news. "It was absolutely heartbreaking in there," she said. "Those whose children's names were not read out stayed behind, fearing the worst. They are distraught. One man just broke down."

Tearful youngsters, parents, teachers, and clergy from the Bolton diocese stood around in groups in the school corridors and playgrounds waiting with trepidation for further news.

As the day unfolded, there was comfort for parents of the other children who heard that they had escaped with cuts, bruises, and minor injuries.

Mr Bowes said: "The coach was on a winding road, and went off the road on a bend,

and down a ravine. Otherwise, details are very hazy. The ravine is about 60ft deep, and youngsters were thrown from the coach. Clearly, we in the school are very anxious for more news, and we are very concerned about two of our families who are grieving at the moment. We are sharing their grief. These are their friends, and staff are anxious for news about their colleagues, two of whom were on the coach."

The day started very differently for the pupils, who were looking forward to a week of sporting activities. They had come to school wearing jeans, track suits, and trainers. Even Mr Bowes was dressed casually in T-shirt and tan trousers.

The Reverend Lindsay Owens, a former school chaplain, made her way to the school after hearing news of the tragedy on the radio. She said: "St James's is one huge happy family, and that is the strength of the school. It's like losing a member of the family."

The French coach involved in the crash did not have to meet safety standards as rigid as those applied to British vehicles (Arthur Leathley writes). Bitter argument between European Union countries over the compulsory fitting of seatbelts on buses has forced delays in the introduction of laws that would bring member states closer into line with Britain. Coach operators on the Continent are not obliged to fit seatbelts until the end of the century.



David Bowes, head who informed parents

Masked robbers raided train

By LIN JENKINS

TWO masked robbers armed with an imitation gun and a machete made train passengers hand over cash and valuables, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. One man pointed a gun in the victims' faces, threatening to kill them as the other hit them with the broadside of the machete blade.

The two men held up the 1812 Charing Cross to Dartford service on October 15, Michael Holland, for the prosecution, said. They struck shortly after the train left London Bridge, and terrified more than 30 passengers for six minutes before fleeing at Deptford.

"They threatened to kill those who did not comply with instructions," he said. "It was the usual mix of London commuters making their way home. They were aged from late teens to pensioners. The robbers terrified them into meeting their demands."

Mr Holland said that the pair had made mistakes which led to their detection. They had drawn attention to themselves, before "looting their disguises, by showing the 'lavatory' on the train together, and were later identified by some of the victims."

Anthony Baxter, 36, and his half-brother Aaron, 20, both of Deptford, south-east London, deny conspiracy to rob a train and possession of a handgun.

Mr Holland said that both men had made threats to kill or injure. "The gun was pointed directly at the head or face of close range. They demanded wallets and cash, bag, passengers described them as abusive and threatening," said Mr Holland.

Mr Holland told the jury that the two men had escaped with a few hundred pounds and some personal valuables. They had not worn gloves while on the train and had left their fingerprints in the carriage, he said.

The trial continues.

London Zoo to examine death of cathedral owl

By JOANNA BAILE

LONDON ZOO is to conduct a post-mortem examination after an eagle owl that took refuge in St Paul's Cathedral was found dead.

The bird's body was spotted yesterday morning by office workers from a bank overlooking the south side of the cathedral. They called out Inspector Lee Hopgood, an RSPCA officer, who was watched by tourists as he walked along a 100 ft high ledge with a safety harness to reach the owl, which had been nicknamed Paula.

After descending with the corpse, he said: "It's a shame because it is such a magnificent bird. It feels slightly underweight, but I cannot say what killed it until London Zoo does the post-mortem."

Mr Hopgood said that the bird had seemed to be coping well, despite being captive-bred. "It has been around the cathedral for several weeks feeding on a plentiful supply of pigeons and squirrels. Perhaps it caught something from a diseased pigeon."

Mr Hopgood has investigated eagle owl sightings in Camden, north London, and in Regent's Park over the past 18 months and believes that it could have been Paula. Eagle owls are normally found on mainland Europe and can live for 30 years. The female bird,

which was last seen alive on Saturday, had leather anklets indicating that it was once in captivity, but no form of identification tag.

Mark Yeomans, a stonemason who is restoring the cathedral's Portland stone exterior, said: "We will miss it. It was a fierce-looking creature with lovely big eyes. We used to watch it swooping around. She must have eaten a dodgy pigeon."

David Murphy, a dealer at Dalwa Europe bank, who first saw the bird's body, said: "We went to look to see where she was and saw her lying on the ledge. We knew she was either dead or seriously ill because owls don't normally lie on their side. It's a great shame because it was nice to watch her out of the window."

With its huge talons and 5 ft wing span, the tuft-eared creature was capable of killing a dog or small deer. Residents living near the cathedral reported to the police that the bird had attacked pets and other animals.

London Fire Brigade had tried in vain to catch it after reports that it was caught in wire. London Zoo is to carry out the post-mortem examination later this week. Ian Boakes, a cathedral steward, said: "It's a sad day. Paula was a very welcome visitor."

The deceased Paula in the arms of Mr Hopgood

Farm suffers touch of Frost

By MICHAEL HORNSEY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

RAMBLERS have had a metre-wide pathway cut for them through the crops on a farm so that they can walk in the footsteps of Robert Frost, the American poet.

The farmer whose land the footpath is on faces a bill for up to £1,000 from Gloucestershire County Council for clearing the right of way, in addition to what he estimates has been the loss of wheat, barley and beans worth a similar amount.

Frost, a four-times Pulitzer Prize winner who died in 1963, lived with his family near the village of Dymock in a rented 17th century cottage. Little is known of the last

summer before the First World War. He spent much of his time talking and walking through the local fields and woods with the British poets Rupert Brooke, Edward Thomas and W.H. Davis, who were also staying in the area.

Frost wrote to a friend: "We can go almost anywhere we wish on westerly footpaths through the fields. The fields are so small and the trees so numerous along the hedges that you may think from a little distance that the country was solid wood."

Linda Hart, chairman of the Friends of the Dymock Poets, said: "Everyone recog-

nises this path and cuts their land accordingly, except for this one farmer. These paths are as legal as Ledbury High Street. If you or I blocked the high street then we would be breaking the law and the law would deal with us."

Farmer Paul Bennion, whose family has farmed the land for more than 200 years, said: "Throughout the winter, autumn and spring, the crops are short and it is easy for people to cross the land. But in the summer my crops grow. I cannot tell people to keep off because it is a public right of way, but I do not see why they have to cut a path a metre wide."

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The dormouse is set free in wonderland

BY MICHAEL HORNSEY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

A perfect wood and ready-made homes are helping to reverse the decline of one of Britain's shyest natives

ZOO-BRED dormice were released into the countryside yesterday to help restore the fortunes of one of Britain's best known, but least seen, native creatures.

Most people are likely to have encountered a dormouse only in the pages of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, where it suffered the indignity of being stuffed into a teapot by the Mad Hatter and the March Hare. Once widespread in Britain, the common dormouse has become increasingly uncommon, and has gone from most northern and eastern counties.

Two dozen were set free yesterday in the perfect habitat for them: a wood of coppiced hazel. The exact location is being kept secret, except that it is in Cheshire, and there is no sign of the grinning cat. The tiny rodents

had been kept there in cages for two weeks, to allow them to acclimatise. They have been provided with wooden nesting boxes scattered among the trees, to save them the effort of finding natural equivalents in tree hollows or old birds' nests. The boxes can also be monitored easily for evidence of breeding activity.

No dormouse had been recorded in Cheshire from 1910 until last year, when an initial 29 were released in the same 25-acre wood. Wildlife scientists have been encouraged by their survival rate. The main reason for the national decline has been the loss of coppiced hazelwood, which provides the right mix of berries, nuts, flowers and insects for summer feeding.

Sue Tatman, dormouse

project officer with the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, said: "We know that at least four of the 20 females in the batch released in June last year produced young. Last autumn we were aware of 12 juveniles in the wood. At least six of these survived the winter."

Even in the best conditions, 20 per cent of adult and 40 per cent of juvenile dormice do not survive the winter. "I am hopeful that the rates we are achieving will be sufficient to create self-sustaining communities," Ms Tatman said.

The dormouse survives mainly in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Hereford and Worcester, Shropshire, Cumbria and Northamptonshire. Projects similar to the Cheshire plan

are under way in Cambridgeshire and in Nottinghamshire.

Martin Tither of English Nature, which is co-ordinating the programme, said: "We have had reasonable levels of winter survival in Cambridgeshire and evidence of two generations of breeding, which is certainly good enough to warrant continuing the experiment."

Even if they were numerous, dormice would be rarely seen. They are nocturnal and hibernate from October to May, when they are cold to the touch and unable to rouse themselves rapidly even if disturbed. Harsh winters can kill them, but too mild a winter is also dangerous as it may wake the slumbering creatures prematurely before food is available.

Roman site 'destroyed' by plough

BY TIM JONES

A LANDOWNER faces possible prosecution for ploughing up and damaging beyond repair the site of a 1,900-year-old Roman settlement.

County councillors will be told that notices put up to protect the site on Sir Rupert Mann's 7,500-acre estate near Soke, Norfolk, were disregarded. In a report to the council, Martin Shaw, director of planning, claims that, as the landowner, Sir Rupert should be prosecuted under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act.

Sir Rupert, 50, was told by English Heritage nine years ago that the field was a protected site. A letter sent to him at that time by English Heritage said he would need special consent to do any work on the field. When council officials found two months ago that it had been ploughed they established that planning permission had not been sought.

Fears rise that pollution is damaging health

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY two-thirds of the population believe that environmental problems are damaging their health, a study released yesterday claims.

A survey by MORI has found that 60 per cent of people in Britain believe that their "own health is affected by environmental problems—a great deal or a fair amount".

The level of public concern has risen from 53 per cent in 1992.

John Leaman, of the polling company, said yesterday that the British findings sent a clear message to politicians that the public wanted environmental problems tackled. The findings have come from the International Environmental Monitor Survey, a 24-nation study carried out by MORI between January and April this year. About 27,000 people were polled in several continents. MORI said that the findings demonstrated a "strong and growing concern over the environment across virtually all countries and an

increasing willingness to choose environmental protection over economic costs".

The majority of people in Britain are prepared to make economic sacrifices to see the environment cleaned up and wildlife conserved. Asked if environmental protection was more important than economic growth, 69 per cent of people questioned here said that it was—up from 56 per cent in 1992. This view is similar to that of people in the United States.

The country holding this view most strongly was Canada, where 73 per cent claimed that the environment was more important than economic growth. In Nigeria, by contrast, only 27 per cent said that environmental protection was more important than economic growth, down from 30 per cent in 1992.

The varying attitudes may reflect differing social and economic circumstances, environmental problems, and poli-

cy priorities. In India, for instance, where 94 per cent of people think their health is affected by environmental problems, the air in many cities is heavily polluted and the Bhopal chemical plant disaster, in 1984, in which 3,000 people were killed, is still fresh in people's minds. Governments in Europe are arguing that Western industrialised nations should take action to combat global warming now and that developing countries should come on board later. The United States believes that all nations should sign up to agreements to cut back pollutants that cause global warming.

The MORI survey reflects this difference in outlook. Asked who is responsible for the world's environmental problems, the majority of people in most European nations blame industrialised nations. But only 28 per cent of Americans believe that industrialised nations are to blame.



Conman said £22m rings were no good, court told

A CONMAN who posed as an immensely rich Arab prince rejected rings worth £22 million as not good enough for a woman half his age to whom he had proposed marriage, a court was told yesterday.

Rageh Daghdugh, 51, talked at length to Sammar Razaq, 25, a dentist, of his opulent lifestyle, his luxury homes, fast cars, personal jet and ocean-going yacht. He then ran up a five-figure bill for flowers for a wedding that never happened, it was said.

Michael Forward, for the prosecution, told Southwark Crown Court in London that not only was Mr Daghdugh's endless talk of matchless wealth all a sham, but he was already married; he "was not the Omar Sharif figure that Miss Razaq believed him to be, but had more in common with Reggie Perrin".

Mr Daghdugh, of Stanshaw, Portsmouth, denies obtaining a £15,000 floral display from a florist in Windsor by falsely claiming that he was Prince Azaidin Al Sanussi and had "sufficient funds" to pay.

Mr Forward said Mr Daghdugh met the woman he allegedly deceived with an empty proposal of marriage at a dinner party given by her parents at the family's London home in 1995. Mr Daghdugh, who boasted connections with the Kuwaiti royal family, told them that for "certain reasons" he was not only unable to stay more than 72 hours each time he visited Britain but, "interestingly", was only able to bring £50 with him each time. Mr Forward added:

"When he took Miss Razaq to a jewellers in Bond Street, the manager closed the shop to all but Mr Daghdugh, his intended, her mother and her brother, and an array of expensive jewellery was laid out before them. "Without batting an eyelid," Mr Daghdugh said that rings worth £22 million were not good enough. Mr Forward added:

"Towards the end of May last year, Miss Razaq received a telephone call from a woman telling her, at effect, to keep away from Mr Daghdugh because he was married, Mr Forward said. The trial continues.

Fashion dances from chic to chic

After the "tough chic" style launched by Gianni Versace at the Paris fashion shows—featuring a return to severe shoulder pads in jackets and dresses—the French

designer Emanuel Ungaro presented his autumn/winter haute couture collection yesterday, featuring his oriental inspired vest worn with a black fez.

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Tradition offers solace amid future fears

Marchers take comfort in uncertain times from past glory

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ORANGE Order parades, which snake through the cities and countryside of Northern Ireland during the summer marching season, may appear strangely antiquated to outside observers.

Tens of thousands of Orangemen, wearing bowler hats and white gloves, march in strict formation to celebrate the Protestant victory at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. They address each other in archaic terms such as "District Worshipful Master" and hark back to centuries of struggle against Catholic Ireland.

Michael Ignatieff, the Canadian-born writer, summed up the thinking of most outsiders when he asked an Ulster Orangeman whether he was concerned that he looked like a museum piece. The Orangeman, deploying the customary Ulster wit, replied: "Oh, does that make me more valuable?"

Whatever the impression given to those in Britain, the Orangemen are taking part in the most important expression of Protestant culture in Northern Ireland. Protestants in Northern Ireland are frightened and uncertain about their future, which leads them to look to the comfort of past certainties and victories.

The contentious Orange Order parade at Portadown on Sunday was one of 2,404 loyalist parades that will take place this summer. David Jones, the spokesman for the Portadown District of the Orange Order, said that the parade had required little organisation because it had taken place on the Sunday before the main July 12 celebrations since 1807.

On Sunday, up to 2,000 Orangemen from the 32 lodges that make up Portadown District marched in strict order to the Anglican church at Drumcree: the parade now commemorates the Battle of the Somme in 1916. It was headed by an Orangeman carrying the district standard

flanked by two sword bearers. They were followed by the district officers, County Armagh officers, and visitors from other parts of Northern Ireland and from Scotland. They were followed by a band which, in turn, was followed by a colour party carrying the Union flag and the Orange standard. A group of ex-servicemen formed the next row before the individual lodges.

The lodges are known as LOL (Loyal Orange Lodge) — followed by a number which denotes how old the lodge is. The first Orange lodge in Ireland was founded in 1795 after the Battle of the Diamond between Catholics and Protestants in Co Armagh. LOL 9, which is the oldest lodge in Portadown, headed the lodges on Sunday.

After the parade the Orangemen lined up outside Portadown's main Orange hall. They sang the national anthem before removing their collarettes and dispersing. On Sunday they headed off home or to the pub. But after the main July 12 parades, when the Orangemen of Portadown will be marching in Armagh city, they will return to the Orange hall where lodges will have their own dinners.

The march on Sunday was the most contentious parade of this year's marching season. However, police will have to deal with more contentious parades before the end of the marching season in September, the first of which was due to take place last night in Bellaghy, Co Londonderry.

The next flashpoint will be in South Belfast on Saturday when Orangemen will attempt to march past the nationalist Lower Ormeau Road on their way to the main July 12 parades. Police may re-route the parade.

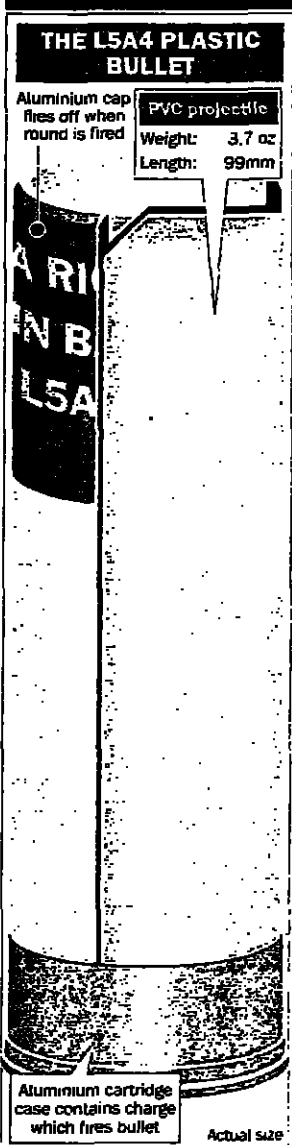
Most of the parades taking place on Saturday will pass off peacefully because they mainly take place in Protestant areas.



The design of a plastic bullet, left, and the aftermath yesterday in William Street, Londonderry, from one of the riots on Sunday night

Forces defend plastic bullets as the most effective way to control riots

Stewart Tendler on the revival of a fierce controversy



SEVERE injuries sustained by the Catholic teenager Gary Lawlor, who was struck on the head by a plastic bullet during riots in West Belfast on Sunday night, have revived an intense debate about the weapons.

Republicans said yesterday that the bullets are indiscriminate, can easily kill, and should be banned. Security sources said that they are the most effective way of controlling riots.

They were first used in Northern Ireland in the early 1970s, replacing rubber bullets which were considered too indiscriminate. Rubber bullets were pointed, measured about 5½ins long, and were difficult to aim because they bounced out of control. Plastic bullets, known techni-

cally as PBRs or plastic baton rounds, are about 4in long and are fired from a West German-made Heckler and Koch 69A1 grenade launcher. The lightweight single-shot guns were specially adapted for British police and soldiers.

The bullets are about the size of a large electric battery. They are made of solid PVC and weigh 3.65oz. The bullet is held in a round that includes a percussion cap, a black powder propellant and a waterproof cap. As the round is fired, the cap falls away. The bullet leaves the gun at a muzzle speed of about 56 metres per second. The marksmen should fire at a range of not less than 20

metres. They should avoid the head or face and target the lower torso, but the bullets are extremely difficult to aim accurately.

The last person to be killed by a plastic bullet was Seamus Duffy, 15, who was shot in the nationalist New Lodge area of Belfast in August 1989. The most famous victim was Sean Dwyer, 22, a Catholic who was shot dead during a nationalist march in West Belfast in 1984. An award-winning photograph showed Mr Dwyer clutching his chest at the moment of impact.

The RUC said that it regretted the deaths and injuries caused by plastic bullets, but

insisted that they were the most effective way of controlling riots. A spokesman said: "Plastic baton rounds are designed to be an intermediate response between messy hand-to-hand confrontations and firing live rounds. The rounds allow police to create a sterile area which protects forces from petrol bombs."

The spokesman said that the RUC longed for the day when it would no longer have to fire the rounds, but he added: "If people are going to attack police in this vicious way, then the police and public have to be protected."

The unmistakable thud of plastic bullets being fired echoed throughout national-

ist areas on Sunday when the security forces used 1,600 rounds to disperse rioters. Last year, the RUC and the Army fired 8,286 plastic bullets between July and September to control riots by Protestants and Catholics which erupted in the wake of the stand-off at Drumcree, Co Armagh.

The security forces will continue to rely on plastic bullets as the "least bad" option to control riots. However, Republicans will continue to campaign against the weapons. They say that their campaign was boosted last month when the Ministry of Defence withdrew a batch of plastic bullets used in Northern Ireland because it was discovered that they travelled too fast.

Benefit cheats believe there is no harm in bending the rules, study finds

Confused individuals, not 'real criminals', are the worst fraudsters, Alexandra Frean reports

MOST benefit cheats believe there is nothing wrong with bending the rules or are not even aware that they are breaking the rules, according to a study published today.

Benefit fraud costs the Exchequer £4 billion a year, but few of the cheats are organised criminals or regular offenders, the Policy Studies Institute report says. Instead, it found that fraud is often committed by poor people who are confused about the rules or by those so desperate for money that they are prepared to risk occasional casual work for cash-in-hand while receiving Income Support.

Organised fraud seems to be rare and is frowned upon by even those convicted of individual offences, who regard the benefit fraud gangs as "the real criminals". Claire Whitley, one of the report's authors, said that fraud frequently arose because people were confused by the rules. Two people who were "living together" for all or some of the time might not see themselves as becoming

a couple even though the Benefits Agency's rules define them as such. "The system sends out mixed messages: one policy is to crack down on people who claim benefit while working, another encourages people to work and claim family credit and housing benefit to supplement their low wages. The system should be simplified."

Many people defrauding the benefits system said that they did so to pay essential bills. A woman benefit claimant with three young children had started a cleaning job "on the side" to raise some more money. She had been in multiple arrears and frightened by visits from debt collectors.

A man who worked for two hours a day for three months while claiming income support said he needed the money to provide for the children from

two marriages and for his social life. He felt that unless he could afford to go out once a week he would "crack up".

Ms Whitley said that many people claiming income support did not declare small earnings because the form-filling needed to adjust their benefits to the extra income would be too complicated and time consuming.

The report had a clear warning for Frank Field, the Minister of State for Welfare Reform, who is preparing plans to reduce the growing £90 billion social security budget. A main feature of the reforms is the Welfare-to-Work plan to get people off benefits and into work through a combination of incentives and penalties.

The study concluded that tackling fraud effectively will not be achieved through tougher penalties, such as increasing the number of prosecutions.

Although there had been a decline in prosecutions for benefit fraud in the 1990s, this was reversed in the 1990s. In 1993-94, the number of prosecutions reached 7,645, an increase of 30 per cent on the previous year. In 1994-95, prosecutions rose by a further 25 per cent to 9,546.

Tim Newburn, another of the report's authors, said that although prosecutions had doubled between 1990-91 and 1994-95, the threat of being taken to court seemed to be a poor deterrent because few people believed they were doing wrong or thought they would be caught. He said that imposing fines on benefit fraudsters may even encourage them to reoffend.

"Fines are likely to exacerbate the problems that led to the original fraud," he said. "A combination of clearer rules, improved detection and the use of new sanctions such as formal cautions and warnings may be a more effective way to combat fraud. Prosecution policy should target the persistent and premeditated offender."

Whitehall tightens security

By TIM JONES

SECURITY in Whitehall offices has been reviewed after a homeless man was discovered squatting in the Treasury building days before Gordon Brown presented the Budget. Mark Bickerton, 20, first lived for two days on an empty floor in the Environment Department's offices near Parliament, stealing sweets and chocolates from the canteen. He moved to the Treasury where he was discovered and freed after a police caution. He returned to the Environment Department for another night, Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, was told yesterday.

Bickerton, who admitted burglary, had threatened to break into Buckingham Palace. He was given three months' conditional discharge in view of psychiatric reports.

Healthy habits to start at nurseries

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

NURSERY schools are to be given a leading role in improving the health of the nation under a strategy launched yesterday by the Government. The aim is to teach children the skills and habits giving a long and healthy life.

Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, told a London conference: "We want to attack the underlying causes of ill-health and to break the cycle of social and economic deprivation and social exclusion. This signals a major change in the nation's policy, to maximise 'good health' as well as treating sickness. You might call it being tough on the causes of ill health."

With Estelle Morris, the Under-Secretary for Schools Standards, and Michael Meacher, the Environment

Minister, beside her, she said that pre-school education was crucial in teaching the skills and self-esteem needed to break the link between deprivation in childhood and problems in adult life.

Teenage pregnancy, for instance, is all too likely to be a cause as well as a symptom of poor education, unemployment and social exclusion," she said. "If a healthy school can keep a child from following her mother by getting pregnant at 17, she has a better chance of getting qualifications, getting a job."

A Green Paper on the strategy will be published in the autumn, followed by a White Paper next summer. Meanwhile Sir Donald Acheson, the former Chief Medical Officer, will identify priorities.

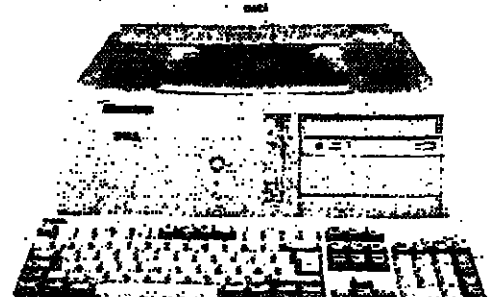
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TA officer raped woman private, tribunal is told

A TERRITORIAL Army private was raped and suffered a barrage of sexual insults and abuse during a three-year period of "institutionalised harassment", an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

The woman said that she was raped by the captain, who was second in command of her unit. The attack was just part of a three-year nightmare she endured as one of the pioneering women recruits in the TA in London. She told the tribunal in Woburn, Bedfordshire, that it was the first sexual harassment claim against the part-time army reserve force.

The 35-year-old from London said she was raped, groped, punched, and suffered sexual insults during her service from 1992 to September 1995. She described how a male soldier exposed himself to her, how a photograph of her wearing a swimsuit was pinned on a noticeboard in the TA bar and how she was conditionally humiliated and bullied. The woman, whose uncle and grandfather had

Joanna Bale reports on 'three-year nightmare' of abuse and harassment

served in the regular Army, said she applied to join the Army after she left school but was refused because at 4ft 11in she was too short.

It was during a period of unemployment in 1992 that she joined the TA.

The former private said she was raped by the captain on April 23, 1994. "I was waiting for a taxi after leaving an event at the TA. He came up to me and insisted on driving me home. The captain took her to his house and insisted that she stay over."

She said: "I woke up in the night with the captain on top of me. I told him to get off and asked him what he thought he was doing. I couldn't get him off. He had intercourse with me. I was so upset and shocked I didn't know what to do... He was second in command and I was only a sapper." She told the tribunal she did not contact the police

or tell any senior officers within her TA unit. "I didn't think anyone would believe me. I just had to be strong and carry on. I didn't want to classify myself as a victim."

She broke down in tears while telling of the alleged rape, but regained her composure as she detailed the abuse she claimed to have endured for another 18 months before quitting the service.

Earlier in the hearing, Caroline Bates, for the former private, said: "This is a case of institutionalised harassment involving officers and privates. It's alleged that this behaviour permeated throughout the TA and was well known to officers, both junior and senior, and they failed to take any action to stop it."

The woman claims sexual discrimination by the TA. The case, which is being backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, continues.



Jon James and Camilla Carr, who were seized by gunmen. They had been caring for Chechen children

Father pleads for captive Britons

THE father of a British aid worker kidnapped by Chechen rebels asked for official support yesterday in finding his son. Norman James, 67, said: "We just hope the Government can intervene. We are desperate for news."

Jon James, 35, and Camilla Carr, 35, were seized from their home in the capital Grozny by masked gunmen

six days ago. Nothing has been heard of them since. They had left their homes in Gloucestershire in April to join the Centre for Peacemaking and Community Development, looking after traumatised children. Norman James, who lives with his wife, Doris, 67, at Lydney, said: "My son has always been a bit of an adventurer. I think

he will cope, but that depends on who has captured him."

The missing couple's two bodyguards and the charity's deputy director have been questioned by police. Chechen authorities said yesterday that they were setting up a task force of 300 investigators, lawyers and judges to combat kidnappings.

GP who undercuts NHS may be sued

By PAUL WILKINSON

A FAMILY doctor who undercuts NHS charges with private prescriptions could face prosecution, the British Medical Association said last night. David Moor, 51, of Fenham, Tyne and Wear, says that his patients save up to £3 on the standard NHS charge of £5.65. He said: "It means remembering which drugs are cheaper under private prescriptions. If the actual cost and the chemist's charges come to about £2.65, I don't see why my patients should have to pay £5.65. I am very sure of my rights. I have patients from some of the poorest areas of Newcastle."

Peter Fellowes, of the BMA's prescriptions committee, said: "As far as the BMA is concerned, this practice is illegal. NHS patients should be treated under the auspices of the NHS and provided with NHS medicines. However, we have not had a definitive ruling on this."

A spokesman for the Department of Health said that it was a "grey area" but added: "Prescription charges are an extremely valued source of income for the NHS."

BBC chairman backs 'fat cat' pay increases

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE chairman of the BBC governors, Sir Christopher Bland, yesterday strongly defended a decision to award pay rises of up to 39 per cent to senior executives.

John Birt, the Director-General, received a 20 per cent rise to £354,000 a year, according to the BBC's annual report published today. His benefits include a chauffeur-driven car, a second car and free petrol and medical benefits.

Mr Birt's rise takes his pay package to more than double what it was six years ago. He also received a further £44,000 to his pension.

Broadcast unions said that the award could threaten staff relations and make licence fee increases hard to justify. Sir Christopher said the managers were getting less than their market value and he and the remuneration committee had considered long and hard before putting their recommendations to the board of governors.

He admitted that public disquiet over "fat cat" public utility pay awards had been a factor in their deliberations.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is to feature in a two-part fly-on-the-wall documentary about his life leading up to and after Labour's election victory. A camera crew from Scotland Television travelled for six months with Mr Brown on the campaign trail and was allowed behind closed doors as he prepared to present his first Budget last week.

The highest increase went to Ronald Neil, chief executive of the new production division, who received 39.3 per cent as his total pay and pension package rose to £226,000.

Gerry Morrissey, chief negotiator for the joint unions at the BBC, said that Mr Birt's £55,000 increase would be "resented" by the 22,000 staff who have accepted increases averaging 2.8 per cent. "If John Birt wants to work in the private sector, he should go there, but he shouldn't expect a private sector salary in the public sector, especially if he is trying to impose public sector pay deals on his staff."

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Portillo declares his desire for a political comeback

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

MICHAEL PORTILLO raised the prospect of a return to frontline politics yesterday, delighting supporters who have not given up hope that one day he could lead the Tory party.

The former Defence Secretary, the biggest casualty of the Labour landslide on May 1, broke his silence on his long-term intentions. In a radio interview, he said: "The way I feel at the moment is that I would like to be an MP again. I don't think the opportunity will come soon, and it's always possible that my mind will change, but my present feeling is that if someone felt inclined to elect me... that I would wish to be an MP."

But neither Mr Portillo nor his friends want him to make a quick comeback. The Labour honeymoon is expected to be lengthy. By-elections may not be safe territory for the Tories for some time. And, most important, Mr Portillo would

want to do nothing over the next couple of years that could be seen as destabilising the leadership of William Hague.

Even so the idea that both Mr Portillo and Chris Patten, the former Governor of Hong Kong, could return to Parliament before the next election is one of the few encouraging possibilities available to Tory MPs as they prepare for the long slog ahead. Both would be leadership candidates if the Hague project were to fail.

Mr Portillo's friends hope that he will "do a Patten" by taking a substantial but time-limited post outside Parliament before making his comeback. The job that Mr Portillo wanted but failed to get — the EU's High Representative in the former Yugoslavia — would have been ideal. If a similar post fails to materialise he is expected to take a job in industry.

Yesterday he was speaking to BBC Radio 4's *Today* pro-

gramme about today's Nato summit, fully knowing that he would be asked about his own intentions. He said that politics was in his blood, the signal of a comeback welcomed by many on the Right.

Baroness Thatcher is among those who believe that the party can ill afford to do without Mr Portillo — or Mr Patten. Many rightwingers have praised Mr Patten, traditionally one of the Left's standard-bearers, for his handling of the Hong Kong handover. His refusal to appease China that so upset some old Foreign Office hands pleased them.

Should Mr Portillo and Mr Patten come back in three years when the political tide may be turning, places would soon be found for them in the Shadow Cabinet. The team just chosen by Mr Hague will not be the one that takes the Tories into the next election.

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Muraya Elmi, left, after her plea to Tony Blair outside a London primary school yesterday

Refugee mother cries on Blair's shoulder

A SOMALI asylum-seeker wept on the Prime Minister's shoulder yesterday and begged him to permit her husband and five children to join her in Britain (Richard Ford writes). Muraya Elmi, 36, approached Tony Blair when he visited Avonmore primary school, west London, where her two youngest children are pupils. Her husband and other

children are in Adis Ababa, having been refused permission to join her. The family became separated while fleeing the civil war in Somalia in 1994. Mrs Elmi, from Mogadishu, came to Britain on a false passport and was granted leave to stay for a year, which has since been extended. Mr Blair asked the head teacher to arrange for Mrs Elmi to write to him.

NHS may regain shield against legal actions

By Polly Newton, Political Reporter

HOSPITALS could be protected once again from prosecution for poor food hygiene and claims for non-medical negligence as part of a government attempt to cut NHS insurance costs, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said yesterday.

Speaking on the last day of the Budget debate in the Commons, Mr Dobson revealed that he was considering the restoration of "crown indemnity" for hospitals. It was lifted under the Tories amid concern that standards at many hospitals, particularly in the preparation of food, were dangerously low.

Under crown indemnity, hospital kitchens would not be subject to inspection by local authority environmental health officers.

Mr Dobson said the "Balkanisation" of the NHS into more than 400 trusts since the Tories' health service reforms had led to soaring insurance bills. Trusts were spending a total of more than £50 million annually in insurance premiums to cover themselves against liability claims from employees and patients, for example, for damage to property.

He said the Government

was examining what savings could be made through the pooling of insurance arrangements for trusts, "or even by the return of crown indemnity". It was estimated that either of those measures could save £20 million to £30 million a year.

Mr Dobson said money could also be saved with an end to the "stupid, petty and ridiculous" competition created between NHS trusts since the reforms created "purchasers" and "providers" within the system. The Government was also determined to save money by cutting prescription fraud and ensuring that NHS supplies were being provided in the most cost-effective way.

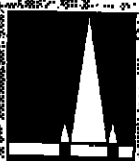
A programme of trust mergers was planned, he said, which should help to reduce bureaucracy and costs.

IN PARLIAMENT

Today in the Commons: Foreign Office questions; Local Government (Finance) (Supplementary Credit Approval) Bill, remaining stages; Local Government (Contracts) Bill, remaining stages; backbench debate on military law flying over Northern Ireland. In the Lords: Wireless Telegraphy Bill, committee; debate on European agreements on associations with Morocco, Chile and the Southern Common Market; debate on call for a European Security and Defence Identity of Nato.

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Labour embarks on classroom crusade

David Charter looks at how the Government plans to reach its ambitious objective of banishing educational failure from the school curriculum

THE Government left no room for failure by schools, local education authorities or inspectors in a White Paper yesterday that proclaims "zero tolerance of under-performance".

In a five-year crusade to raise classroom standards, every level of the education service, from teachers to groups of schools in Education Action Zones, will have to set and strive for tough improvement objectives. Local authorities will gain new powers to order improvements if they spot signs of failure in schools, but the councils will also be subject to rigorous inspection. School inspectors will also become more accountable, with a new appeals system for those unhappy with the verdict of Ofsted.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, launched the White Paper, *Excellence in Schools*, in the Commons yesterday, saying: "Our children are our future. We owe it to them to give them the best possible start in life."

The following is a summary of the White Paper.

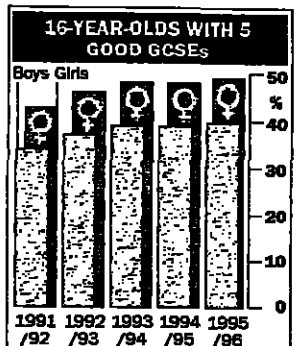
□ **The early years:** "All children should have a firm foundation for their education."

The new standards regime will begin in the nursery, with the Government adopting the "desirable learning outcomes" piloted by the Tories. From this September, children will be assessed in their first term at school and the results used to measure progress. Class

sizes will be kept to 30 or below for all children aged five, six and seven by 2002.

An Early Years Forum in each area will draw up plans to provide pre-school places for all four-year-olds, extending the initiative to three-year-olds later. The aim is to integrate nursery provision and childcare. Once in school, literacy and numeracy will be given priority.

□ **Standards:** "Standards



rise fastest when schools take responsibility for their own improvement."

Tough targets for improvement will challenge the low expectations which ministers see at the root of previous underperformance in schools. Each local authority will have a development plan, showing how all schools will improve, and every school will have to draw up targets in three-year plans, reviewed annually.

Fresh Starts will be ordered for failing schools which do

not improve. They could be closed and re-launched under new senior teachers.

Ofsted will inspect all education authorities and the worst will be taken over. Schools will be inspected at least once every six years.

□ **Modernising schools:** "We must modernise comprehensive secondary education and open up access to new technologies for all."

The principle of "diversity within one campus" means children should be put in sets by ability in all schools, particularly for science, mathematics and languages. "Fast-track" pupils should take qualifications early.

Schools will be reorganised into foundation, community and aided. Parents will be balloted where governors do not want to become the new type of school closest to its present status. For example, county schools will become community schools with the local authority employing staff. Grant-maintained schools will become foundation schools, employing their own staff and with no more than two local authority governors. There will be more parent governors.

The first 25 Education Action Zones will be set up in disadvantaged areas, with parents and businesspeople helping draw up targets to improve school performance.

Specialist schools in technology, languages, sports and arts will have to share facilities with neighbouring schools

and give master classes for gifted pupils.

□ **Teaching standards:** "Teachers hold the key to their pupils' success."

Aspiring head teachers will have to pass a new qualification and the school leaders of the future will be identified by a fast-track route to headship early in their careers.

An induction year will be brought back for new teachers, who will be allowed to enter the classroom only after meeting standards set out last month by the Teacher Training Agency. To retain the best teachers in the classroom, the new grade of Advanced Skills Teacher will bring more pay and responsibility.

Appraisal of teachers is to be reviewed and the Government is consulting on fast-track dismissal of poor teachers. Heads may have to report to governors every year on any teacher performing badly.

□ **Raising achievement:** "Pupils need support from parents, local authority services, business and the community, as well as schools, to ensure they reach their full potential."

Every primary school should involve parents in their child's reading and Age Concern will help find "foster" grandparents to act as mentors for children.

Home-school contracts will cover discipline, homework and attendance. An "assertive discipline" policy should show sanctions and rewards, with



Girls at Selly Park Technology College, Birmingham, where streaming is credited with improving GCSE results

regular praise for pupils who keep the rules.

The Government wants fewer pupils expelled and will consult on new guidance. It will also make all pupils finish the summer term when they turn 16.

Homework guidelines will spell out how much children should do and there will be homework clubs at half of all secondary and a quarter of primary schools by 2001.

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How struggling school set course for success

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TARGETS for all pupils and a rejection of mixed-ability teaching has transformed a comprehensive school which was "the pits", its head teacher said yesterday.

Wendy Davies, head at the girls-only Selly Park Technology College in Birmingham, introduced ability sets for all subjects to send the GCSE pass rate soaring. Only 2 per cent of girls achieved five O-level passes ten years ago. Last summer, 43 per cent of pupils gained five or more good GCSEs.

The Government's call to modernise the comprehensive principle has been pioneered by schools in Birmingham under the guidance of its chief education officer, Professor Tim Brighouse, recently appointed to the Standards Task Force.

"The first school target was to increase GCSE results by 1 per cent," Mrs Davies said. "We went for something achievable in the first instance because I didn't want to depress the staff. The pupils were easier to get higher expectations from than the staff. Now we are going for much higher targets."

Children are split into streamed classes as soon as they arrive, with the top class aiming for eight or nine good

GCSEs, the next two groups at least five, and the lowest class up to five. These groups divide into sets based on ability for mathematics, English and science, reflecting pupils' aptitude in different subjects.

"We believe that if pupils are bright enough, we push them on. Let's have them getting their GCSEs early," Mrs Davies said. "In maths you cannot do anything else but set. In this school we have also seen the benefit of putting them in broad bands for all subjects. You can have brilliant teaching on mixed ability and it works but it does not always work with your average teacher."

Tony Blair, writing in *The Times* yesterday, said: "We favour setting, rather than mixed-ability teaching, in comprehensive schools." This was the way to help children stretch "as far and as fast as they can".

But the mixed-ability principle, so closely identified with the traditional ethos of comprehensive schools, still has strong support. All children spend their first year in mixed-ability classes at Campion School in Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire, which serves a dozen villages and the edge of Northampton.

Tony Downing, the deputy head, said that ability sets were introduced in the following year in mathematics and later on in science.

"This is a comprehensive school and so it does uphold comprehensive ideals," Mr Downing said. "The overriding principle is that students learn in a situation that is best for them and that is usually a mixed ability situation, certainly in the lower years. Most comprehensive schools, like us, have introduced a measure of setting where it is in students' interests higher up the school."

The benefit of mixed-ability learning was that all pupils felt that they were treated "with the same esteem". Creating a bottom set could lead to an unmotivated and undervalued group of students, he said. The school would change its system if it did not work for its pupils. 46 per cent of whom gained five or more good GCSE grades last summer. Targets were being set for each department.

"Schools need to respond to their local situation. We have a less wide ability range than would be the case in some inner-city schools and we take the decision how to teach, not according to dogma, but according to best outcomes."



Campion School, Bugbrooke, where mixed-ability teaching is a "comprehensive ideal"

Soothing parents with promise of continuity

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

COMMENTARY

PARENTS will see little immediate change in most state schools as a result of yesterday's White Paper. Improvement is a long haul, and ministers have recognised as much in their agenda for raising standards.

Even 2002, the date by which most of the Government's proposals are to be judged, is just around the corner in educational terms. By then, there should have been a 40 per cent improvement in primary school test results, a settled framework for secondary schools with pupils grouped by ability, more specialisation and less truancy.

The 84 pages of *Excellence in Schools* contain plenty of ideas for achieving these ambitious goals, but the route to improvement remains largely for schools themselves to decide. Well-flagged requirements for schools to set and achieve

targets will be enshrined in legislation, but other initiatives such as the assault on mixed-ability teaching and the introduction of homework guidelines are pure exhortation.

The difference will be that schools will have to answer to local authorities and Ofsted inspectors if they ignore the Government's advice and their results do not improve. The line of least resistance will be to do ministers' bidding.

In reality, most secondary schools already group pupils by ability in the core subjects and the larger primary schools are beginning to follow suit. But other developments, such as the use of phonics in a primary school literacy hour, will mean a change of culture in the teaching profession.

The Government's oft-repeated recipe for school improvement involves a combination of pressure and

support. Last week, the Budget provided the support with £2.3 billion extra funding. Yesterday's White Paper was all about pressure.

Bemused shoppers picking up their copies at Tesco or Sainsbury's will find the same uncompromising tone that has characterised ministerial statements on schools. The document promises "zero tolerance" of under-performance, let alone failure. Most parents are likely to be reassured by the strong line and the retention of promising Tory initiatives. Incursions such as the scrapping of partial selection are few and far between.

The exception to the rule of the satisfied customer may be those whose children are in grant-maintained schools and/or grammar schools, where crucial questions remain to be answered. There may yet be a sting in the tail of promised consultation papers, but the glossy pages of *Excellence in Schools* contain nothing but soothing assurances of continuity.

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Children abused by foster boy sue council

Alexandra Frean reports on a ruling that leaves social workers and local authorities open to negligence claims

FOUR brothers and sisters who were sexually abused by a teenager fostered by their parents won their High Court action yesterday to seek compensation for assault and psychological trauma.

Mr Justice Hooper ruled that the four, who were aged seven to 12 at the time they were abused, could seek damages for negligence from Essex County Council and Anthony Golden, a social worker. The ruling sets a precedent that could result in many similar actions.

However, the judge struck out a claim by the children's parents, who were also seeking redress for post-traumatic shock after discovering what had happened to their children.

They claimed that Essex County Council failed to give them warning that the 15-year-old boy they were asked to foster had a background of indecent assault. They said they had specifically said that they did not want to care for somebody who had a history of being a sexual abuser or who could be of harm to their own children.

The question of whether the council had been negligent in this respect will be settled at the compensation case to be

brought by the children. Their father, known only as Mr W, said: "I am really pleased that the kids' claims can go ahead. Then maybe this might stop this kind of thing happening to other children. Obviously I'm disappointed that our claims haven't got the go-ahead, but we don't know what the future holds and this may get overturned at the Court of Appeal."

Mr W said that his children still had nightmares four years after the incidents. "They still have moments where they are very depressed and very quiet and they still see a counsellor," he said.

Essex County Council, which had offered the family an out-of-court settlement, said that it deeply regretted the trauma undergone by the family. It said: "Notwithstanding the council's great sympathy for the parents, and the family as a whole, there is a duty owed by the council to council tax payers not to pay compensation unless they are required by law to do so."

The council is consulting its

insurers to decide whether to appeal against the decision to allow the children's case to go ahead. In court, Edward Faulks, QC, for the council, said that previous rulings giving social workers immunity from negligence actions meant that the council could not be held liable for the actions of social workers in the course of their duties.

Allan Levy, QC, for the parents, contended that the case was different from previous actions over social workers' negligence, which have been struck out on public policy grounds.

The mother and father have separated as a result of the affair and the children have had extensive psychiatric treatment. The foster child, known as G, admitted in juvenile court in June 1993 indecent assault against the two younger girls and received a two-year supervision order at a young offenders' centre.

The abuse occurred in April and May 1993. Mr and Mrs W noticed that their children had become fearful and with-

drawn in G's presence. Only after they had asked for G to be removed from their home did they discover from their children that the youth had abused them.

The parents had considerable experience with children in need of care, and were on a register of people prepared to look after difficult teenagers. They said they were told that they would never have to care for anyone who might be a danger to their family.

They said that had they known the teenager had been put in care in the first place because he had sexually assaulted a seven-year-old girl, they would not have let him into their home.

In allowing the children to pursue their legal action, the judge ruled that social workers placing a child with foster parents have "a duty of care to provide to the foster parents such information as a reasonable social worker would provide" and "the local authority was vicariously liable for the conduct of its social worker in this respect".



The Speaker with Emma Preece, who "fitted more into her life than some adults"

Political interviewer, 14, dies

A GIRL who interviewed top politicians for children's television has died suddenly in her mother's arms (Tim Jones writes). Emma Preece, 14, who was described as a "shining star" by her head teacher, suffered a brain haemorrhage.

Her mother Anne Preece,

of Romsey, Hampshire, said: "She said that she had a terrible pain in her head. I gave her some paracetamol. I lay with her on the bed, put my arms around her and held her as she went to sleep. I feel lucky that I was with her when she died."

Miss Preece interviewed

Tony Blair, John Major and the Speaker of the Commons, Betty Boothroyd, this year for the BBC's *Newsround*, after taking part in a competition. Lesley Morfrew, her head teacher at Mountbatten School, said: "She fitted more into her life than some adults do in their whole lives."

Suicide bill lawyers investigated

Firm that charged grieving mother is closed, reports Frances Gibb

A LAW firm that sent a bill for £12,000 to the grieving mother of one of its solicitors after he committed suicide has been closed while being investigated by the Law Society.

James Beauchamp Solicitors claimed it spent nine hours, at £150 an hour, investigating matters at the home of Christopher Bryant, 54. An inquest was told that he had hanged himself because of pressure of work.

The firm, based at Edgaston, West Midlands, charged his mother, Irene Brierley, an 80-year-old widow, £150 for telling her that her son was dead. The total bill, sent to Mrs Bryant in November, was for £12,278. The firm later withdrew the bill.

Yesterday the Office for the Supervi-

sion of Solicitors confirmed that it has temporarily closed the practice. A spokeswoman said that the action had resulted from an investigation arising from a complaint by a member of the Bryant family.

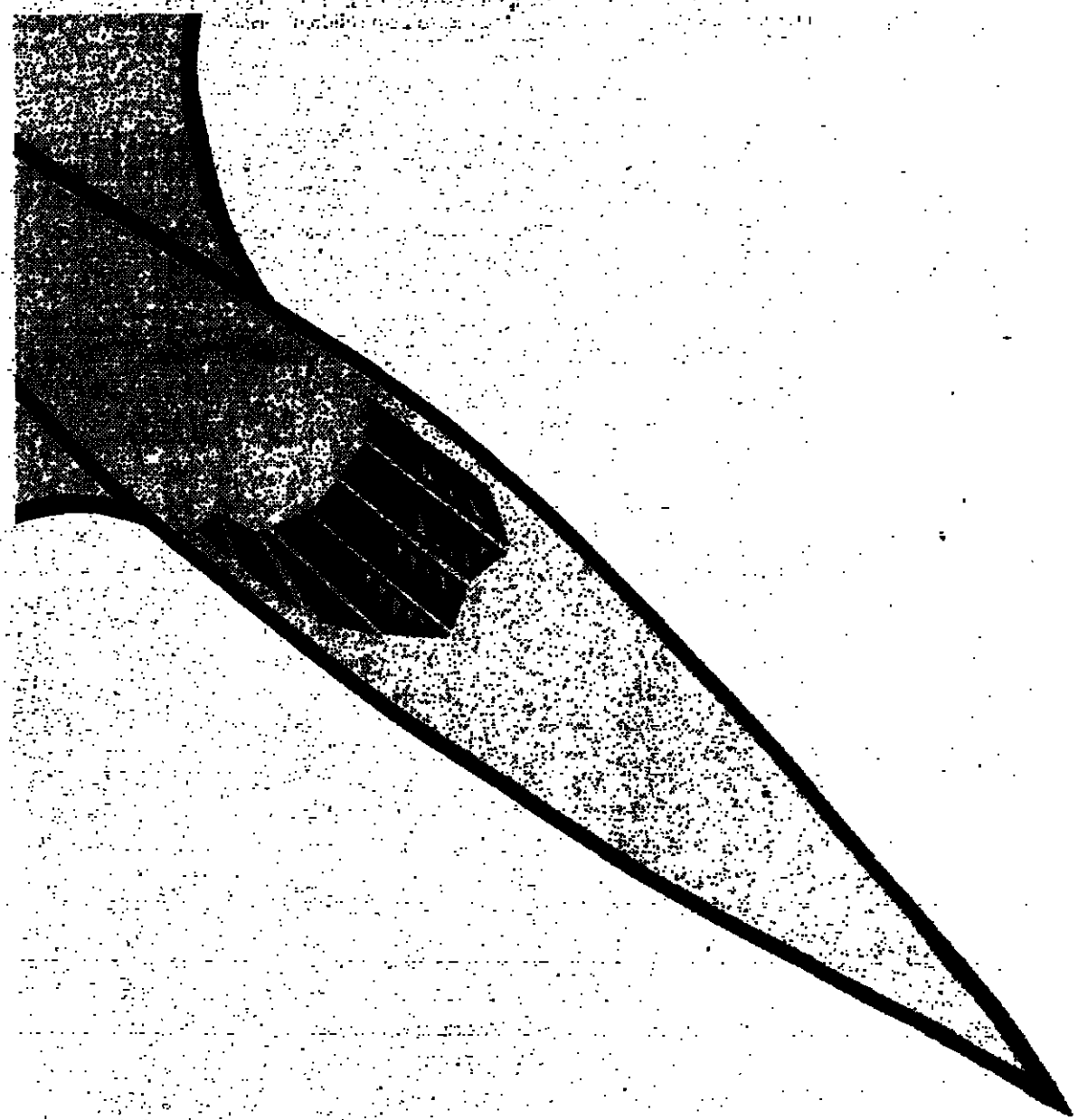
A spokeswoman for the supervision office said: "We looked at the conduct issues and standard of service arising in this case, including the question of gross overcharging, and that led to our investigation." She said that the office carried out an investigation into James Beauchamp dating back to March of this year after a complaint about the bill to Mr Bryant's mother. The firm was closed on June 27 and will stay shut until the Law Society has completed its investigation of the company's activities. The

client list has been taken over by another firm in the area.

James Beauchamp's two partners, Andrew Westall and David Waterhouse, have had their practising certificates temporarily suspended and the six other employees are likely to lose their jobs.

The spokeswoman said the partners could apply for the suspension to be lifted. "But that would require our approval and they would have to meet certain conditions. The partners will face proceedings in front of a solicitors' disciplinary tribunal, where they could be fined, suspended or they could be struck off. At the moment the suspension is temporary."

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Windsor love treasures up for sale



Bertram Park's portrait of Wallis Simpson for her presentation at court in 1931 and, right, the Windsors' Paris drawing room

THE Duke and Duchess of Windsor's personal possessions, including love letters, hairbrushes and an array of china pug dogs, will be sold separately at auction in New York in September.

The Windsors' collection in their Paris mansion was bought by the Egyptian-born financier Mohamed Al Fayed after the death of the Duchess in 1986, but now he has decided to clear the house, set in its own grounds in the Bois de Boulogne, and make it into a family home.

The week-long sale, announced yesterday in New York, will start on September 11 and is expected to raise about £40 million.

The proceeds will go to charity, but the decision to sell, coming soon after Mr Al Fayed, chairman of Harrods, announced that the mansion would become a private museum, has angered some historians who say it will disperse an extraordinary historical testament and a shrine to the Windsors' love affair.

The collection, to be sold in 40,000 lots and billed as the biggest sale of royal memorabilia, includes furniture, paintings, books, clothes and thousands of household and personal items, providing a catalogue of the Windsors' life in exile after the heir to the Throne married Wallis Simpson, an American divorcee.

Some of the items are of historical significance, such as the table on which Edward VIII signed his abdication in

Ben Macintyre in Paris and John Shaw report how historians are disappointed at the decision of owner Mohamed Al Fayed to auction off the estimated £40 million of former royal possessions that chronicle an affair, an abdication and exile

1936 at Fort Belvedere in Sunningdale. Others, such as the tiny satin box containing a morsel of the couple's wedding cake, are poignant mementoes. The couple moved into the house in 1952 and in her will the Duchess left its contents to the Pasteur Institute, from which they were bought by Mr Al Fayed.

The house had fallen into some disrepair during the Duchess's long final illness and Mr Al Fayed was widely praised for his much publicised decision to restore the building and maintain the collection. The cost of the restoration has been estimated at £30 million.

"By preserving with such delicacy the splendours of the collection and this set of objects with incalculable sentimental value, Mr Al Fayed has allowed us to understand better the two heroes of a great love story," Joseph Friedman wrote in an introduction to Hugo Vickers's book, *The Private World of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor*.

Mr Vickers said he was disappointed that Mr Al Fayed had now chosen to sell. The financier, his wife and

four children lived in the mansion's top-floor flat, but Mr Al Fayed now wants his growing family to have the run of the whole property. "So much effort was put into restoring the house, and now it will all be disbanded," Mr Vickers told the *International Herald Tribune*.

The sale will provide a bonanza for collectors of royal souvenirs, while offering another glimpse into the glamorous but strangely obsessive world of the Windsors. The Duke, for example, seldom threw away a piece of clothing and the contents of his wardrobes are a sartorial archive dating back to his childhood.

The Duchess's love of pug dogs (the couple had nine in total) is reflected in china models, portraits, photographs and a set of handmade pug cushions. Among the most valuable items are their porcelain collection, the Chippendale table with leather plaque at which Edward renounced the Crown, and a set of engraved 1946 Lalique wine glasses.

The Windsors were avid hoarders: the villa's library contains many first editions,

including works signed by Queen Victoria, as well as souvenirs such as a box of matches owned by Edward VII, a silver basket presented as a wedding gift by Winston Churchill and the sword worn by Edward at his father's coronation.

Until his death the Duke kept at his bedside as a good-luck charm a childhood doll from his mother, Queen Mary. The Windsors never allowed themselves to forget the rank that had been forfeited and one of the odder keepsakes is a triangular cut-glass decanter, commemorating in turn George V's jubilee, Edward's abdication and the coronation of George VI.

The couple's monograms appear everywhere, from her silk lingerie to his shaving brushes, either separately or together to form "WE", for Wallis and Edward. But it is the items most redolent of their love affair that will be the most sought after: a handful of love letters dating from the start of their relationship, a copy of the Duchess's autobiography, *The Heart has its Reasons*, with a handwritten dedication to her husband and the framed photographs of the Duchess with which the Duke surrounded his bed.

Perhaps the most moving item is a menu from Buckingham Palace on which, in her own hand, Queen Mary had written the names of Edward's comrades in the Grenadier Guards who were killed on the Western Front.



Golf clubs and a Christian Dior gown are among the lots

WORLD SUMMARY

Forest fire threat to Salonika

Athens: Forest fires, probably started by people illegally clearing woodland for future luxury homes, threatened the northern suburbs of Salonika in northern Greece yesterday (John Carr writes).

Residents and soldiers joined the battle against the blaze, which initially raged on nine fronts, driven by high winds after a spell of extraordinarily hot weather. No casualties were reported, but four houses in the town of Retziki, northwest of Salonika, were burnt down on Sunday.

Swiss payout

Zurich: Switzerland's Holocaust memorial fund will make a first payment of SwF17 million (£7 million) to Jewish Holocaust survivors, primarily in Eastern Europe. Panel members cited the special plight of Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe, known as "double victims" for their inability to get compensation during the Cold War. (Reuter)

Cosby court role

New York: Bill Cosby, the American comic actor, is preparing for an extortion trial of a woman who claims to be his illegitimate daughter (James Bone writes). Autumn Jackson, 22, went on trial for threatening to sell her story to a tabloid if the billionaire comedian did not hand over \$40 million (£23 million).

Algerian trial

Paris: Abdelkader Hachani, the Islamic leader, went on trial in Algiers on charges of trying to undermine state security, after more than five years in detention. Mr Hachani, who led the Islamic Salvation Front before it was outlawed, faces up to ten years in jail. (Reuter)

Party hand-out

Treviso: An Italian Radical Party politician gave away banknotes in protest at the use of taxpayers' money to fund political parties. Marco Pannella, in a lorry carrying 2.7 billion lire (£950,000), handed out about two thousand 50,000 lire notes. (Reuter)

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Clinton in danger of splitting allies with plan to snatch Karadzic

FROM MICHAEL EVANS
AND MICHAEL BRYON
IN MADRID



A REVISED American plan to snatch Radovan Karadzic, the indicted war criminal and former Bosnian Serb president, is expected to be part of a new effort by President Clinton to complete all the elements of the Dayton peace accord, before American troops are pulled out next summer.

The war criminals issue will

be raised at the Nato summit which opens today and threatens to provoke divisions between those alliance members who feel it is time to take decisive action and others who doubt the wisdom of sending

in snatch squads. Britain has always taken a cautious approach, preferring to stick to the wording of the Dayton accord, which places the responsibility of handing over indicted war criminals to the local communities.

However, a senior Nato source said yesterday there was growing frustration over the failure of the community leaders in Bosnia to comply with this part of the Dayton accord.

He said Nato leaders would

focus on Bosnia-Herzegovina over lunch today. Although the idea of sending in snatch squads has been discussed before, and rejected, there are reports of renewed interests in the United States. American unmanned predator spyplanes have been monitoring Dr Karadzic at his base at Pale for some time.

All the Nato leaders are agreed that the failure to deal with the indicted war criminals and the deteriorating political and security situation

in Bosnia are seriously undermining the Dayton accord and putting at risk the plan to withdraw the alliance-led Stabilisation Force (Sf) in a year's time. Mr Clinton remains adamant that the 20,000 American troops will leave next summer.

However, if Dr Karadzic remains at large and continues to flout the Dayton accord by wielding political influence in Republika Srpska, it would be difficult for Mr Clinton to withdraw troops and claim

the job of peacekeeping had been completed. Britain, which has 5,000 troops in Bosnia, is also committed to leaving if the United States pulls out.

However, the Government has been trying to persuade the Americans to consider taking part in a smaller peacekeeping force after Sf has been disbanded because of the risk of peace breaking down once the US personnel have gone.

Tony Blair is expected to

raise this issue with President Clinton during the summit. One Nato official said it was vital that the next 12 months were not "squandered", so that when the Sf troops withdrew they would leave "not a perfect peace" but at least a "sustainable peace."

Yesterday, as Mr Clinton, Mr Blair and other Nato leaders met over dinner on the eve of the summit, feverish negotiations continued to make sure that the main item on the agenda — enlarging the

alliance — could be formally dealt with today with invitations to Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary to join the organisation.

Nato sources said last night that whether Romania and Slovenia should also be invited was still being debated. All one official would say was: "It will not be less than three and it will be no more than five, but I guarantee there will be a decision."

Michael Portillo, page 20

Tehran ordered Lockerbie blast, says ex-Iran spy

By Shirley English and Roger Boyes

NEW evidence which alleges Iran and not Libya was responsible for the 1988 bombing of the PanAm jumbo jet above Lockerbie in Scotland is to be investigated by the Crown Office in Edinburgh.

Andrew Hardie, the Lord Advocate, is to look into the latest allegations, made in the German magazine, *Der Spiegel*, by a former Iranian spy, that the bombing was ordered by the late Ayatollah Khomeini as revenge for the shooting down of an Iranian Airbus by an American warship in July 1988.

That December a bomb exploded in the hold of PanAm Flight 103 above Lockerbie, killing all 259 passengers on board and 11 people on the ground.

Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, will raise the matter at the Scottish Grand Committee meeting in Westminster today by calling on the Government to order an independent review of the evidence. He has also tabled a parliamentary question to Tony Blair, due to be heard next Wednesday.

Dr Jim Swire, of the pressure group UK Families Flight 103, whose daughter Flora

was killed in the disaster, has written to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, insisting that he seek assurances from Germany that British criminal investigators will be allowed to interview the former Iranian spy, Abolghasem Mesbahi. According to *Der Spiegel*, Mr Mesbahi, a co-founder of the Iranian intelligence service, told German police investigators that Khomeini ordered the attack in retaliation for the deaths of 290 Iranian passengers accidentally shot down over the Strait of Hormuz by an American warship, the USS Vincennes.

Suspicions about Iranian involvement have been circulating for years. In 1995 a leaked US Air Force intelligence report pointed the finger at Iranian agents and claimed that Tehran offered \$10 million (£6 million) to blow up the jumbo.

The difference this time is that Mr Mesbahi was indisputably a senior figure in the Vevak secret police and is regarded by the Germans as a credible witness. Identified only as Source C, he testified in the Berlin trial this year of a group of Iranian hitmen ac-

cused, and sentenced, for the murder of Kurdish dissidents.

Mr Mesbahi's inside knowledge allowed the German judges to declare that the higher echelons of the Iranian leadership knew about the plot to kill the Kurds in a Berlin restaurant. That triggered a crisis between Iran and the European Union which is still simmering.

Mr Mesbahi has been giving fresh details about the Lockerbie attack in his debriefing with the Frankfurt prosecutor, Volker Rabe, as well as with detectives and German intelligence.

According to the Iranian, the bomb was loaded in separate parts onto a plane in Frankfurt airport with the help of the then representative of Iran Air, who doubled as a secret agent. The bomb was assembled in Heathrow and placed in the PanAm jumbo.

After Khomeini had ordered revenge, Ali Akbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister, started to plan the operation with the Libyans and with members of the Abu Nidal terrorist group. The Iranians masterminded the whole operation, Mr Mesbahi has reportedly told investigators.

Albanian Socialists poised to oust Berisha

FROM TOM WALKER
IN TIRANA

UNOFFICIAL results from the second round of voting in Albania's general election suggest yet more gains for the former communist Socialist Party, which looks to be heading for the two-thirds parliamentary majority it needs to oust President Berisha. Another crushing blow for Mr Berisha's Democrats came yesterday, when Tritan Shehu, the party chairman, resigned after losing his seat in the second round. This could pave the way for Mr Berisha to lead the party in opposition.

Fatos Nano, chairman of the Socialist Party, who under the late dictator Enver Hoxha worked in Albania's Institute of Marxist-Leninist Studies, is a reformed communist who aspires to the new Labour politics of Tony Blair. His close links with the dark days of Hoxha, however, make him a hated figure in much of northern Albania and his popularity in the south rests largely on supposed promises he made to repay investors who suffered in the collapse of pyramid schemes.

"The coalition government has got two-thirds, there is no doubt about this," said Mr Nano, whose Socialists have allied themselves with a broad spectrum of smaller centre-left parties. Signalling a sea change in the way Albania is run, Mr Nano has said he would like the Prime Minister's job, a sure sign that the Socialists will try to downgrade the presidency to a symbolic role.

Mr Berisha has stayed out of the debate in recent days, merely taking every opportunity to remind Albanians of Mr Nano's alleged pyramid payback promise.



Two participants keep a wary eye on the bulls in the opening Pamplona run yesterday

Briton hurt in Pamplona bull run

PAUL FLEMING, 25, of London, was one of two people injured yesterday on the first day of the annual running of the bulls in the Spanish town of Pamplona. He was treated for a neck injury after tumbling and being trampled in the mêlée as hundreds of people sprinted down the streets alongside the customary six bulls, but was later released.

Juan Jesús Larraya Cami-

no, 31, a Spaniard, was not as lucky. He was gored and admitted to hospital with a 10in gash in his right leg.

The nine-day San Fermin festival has an encierro (run) each morning. A pack of primarily young men test their machismo in the annual rite of summer by racing 900 yards down a narrow cobblestone street with the bulls, which are on their way from their corral to the bullring. At least 13

people have been killed in the runs, the last in 1995 when a 22-year-old American, the only foreigner ever to die, was fatally gored. Before 1924, no records were kept of those killed in the ritual, which dates back to 1591.

Nine people were injured on opening day last year, but only one was gored. Officials say they are surprised that more people are not injured, particularly unschooled foreigners.

Bonn approves Eurofighter

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

GERMANY is to press ahead with the four-nation Eurofighter project, ending months of uncertainty and fierce sparring between the Finance and Defence Ministries.

The decision, leaked by defence sources yesterday, will come as a relief to Britain, which has been lobbying the

Germans hard to come up with the necessary investment for the pre-production stage. Tony Blair and George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, threw their weight behind the combat jet. In Bonn talks to save what is regarded as a key project for the European aerospace industry and an important creator of jobs in Britain and Germany.

Theo Waigel, the German

Finance Minister, has been saying repeatedly over the past 14 days that he wants the fighter to fly, not least because of the 18,000 manufacturing jobs involved in his native Bavaria, although Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, has said that the Eurofighter could be produced only if enough funds were made available and guaranteed over time.

Arrival of toothbrush brings hope for fresh start on Mir

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A CARGO spaceship carrying tons of vital supplies docked with Russia's accident-prone Mir space station yesterday.

Applause broke out at mission control outside Moscow as the Progress supply ship made a faultless docking. The ship, which will not be opened until today, is carrying two and a half tons of food, fuel, oxygen and vital equipment needed to repair the Spektr module which was damaged last month in a collision.

In the accident on June 25, Michael Foale, the British-born US astronaut, was forced to evacuate the module, which was punctured and began to lose air and decompress. Today he will receive 154lb of personal belongings,

ranging from a toothbrush and a razor to a new computer — all lost when he abandoned his living quarters.

The arrival of the supplies means the Russians now have a chance of salvaging their 11-year-old space station, which has been running on reduced power since the accident. The repair operation, described as the most dangerous attempted in space, will involve the two Russian cosmonauts, Vasili Tsibilyev and Aleksandr Lazutkin, trying to reconnect power cables to solar batteries on Spektr. The operation is expected to take several hours, and involves the men working inside the small, dark module with the threat that their spacesuits

could be ripped or damaged. Mr Foale, 40, will be on standby in an emergency escape ship ready to return to Earth with the two Russians if the operation goes wrong.

Experts described the puncturing of the Spektr module as one of the worst accidents in space, though Mr Foale played it down as a "rather exciting moment which certainly got my attention". Since then, he has described himself as like a "dog that lives on the street", forced to borrow clothes and even a toothbrush from his colleagues.

Vasili Tsibilyev, the Mir commander, said of Mr Foale: "He helped us a lot... he did more than many other American astronauts."

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Seven die as police smash Kenyan protests



Sam Kiley in Nairobi sees the brutality of President Moi's regime in suppressing the growing clamour for reform

KENYAN police yesterday teargassed worshippers and thrashed MPs with pickaxe handles in Nairobi's All Saints Anglican Cathedral to break up demonstrations calling for political reforms. Two elderly men were beaten close to death as they knelt with heads bowed near the altar.

Two people were killed in central Nairobi and a teenager was killed in Thika, on the outskirts of the capital, police said. Four people died in Nyaruhuru town, 60 miles to the west, including two men who were crushed when a crowd stampeded as police moved in. In the Nairobi

clashes, the security services ignored attempts by opposition group members to surrender and bludgeoned civilians grabbed at random from the streets in view of tourists in five-star hotels.

One of the most prominent of the victims was the Rev Timothy Njoya, the veteran democracy campaigner and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. He walked with his arms raised in surrender towards a dozen policemen beating their riot shields after firing teargas into the cathedral grounds. One kicked his legs from under Mr Njoya, and as he went down



The Rev Timothy Njoya, a Kenyan democracy activist, is helped to a car to go to hospital in Nairobi yesterday after he and an assistant were beaten by police

police swung wooden clubs against his skull. Dozens of blows landed on the churchman, one of the leaders of the nationwide demonstrations aimed at curbing the powers of President Moi before elections later this year. He was spattered with blood.

Mr Njoya was taken to hospital with a wounded colleague as his followers cried for mercy from the police, watched by astounded tourists gathered in the forecourt of the

exclusive Serena Hotel. Dozens and David Woodcock had been in Kenya for five hours since arriving from Essex. Mrs Woodcock said that she had been in other Third World countries where there had been trouble but was "disappointed" to be trapped in the hotel by battling police and university students hurling stones. Nearby, outside the Intercontinental Hotel, four men trying to get out of town to avoid the

trouble were set upon by a lorryload of police. They were left gushing blood into a ditch. Jackson Kimbio, an office worker who had been walking home from central Nairobi, staggered along the pavement outside Parliament with a six-inch gash across his head. "These people are animals. I cried for mercy but they just went on beating me. I have no interest in politics but if this is the way Moi wants to keep power, he will fall," he said.

Five soldiers inside the parliament gardens then trapped a young man. They grinned and laughed as each swung pickaxe handles into his head and body. A man passing by yelled himself hoarse begging them for mercy. "Leave the boy alone. He is a human being," he screamed. He was ignored.

The protests marked a turning point in Kenyan politics. Conservative by nature, Kenyans have been reluctant to take to the streets in protest

against Mr Moi's corrupt Government. But recent financial scandals and his refusal to register Richard Leakey's Safina movement as a political party have earned him the opprobrium of middle-class Kenyans.

As a sign of how corrupt Mr Moi's regime is, one demonstrator was whipped by officers while another went through his pockets and tried to take his wallet. Such scenes come as little surprise in a

country which has a president estimated to be one of the richest leaders in Africa. With the recent eclipse of Mobutu Sese Seko in Zaire, President Moi now ranks as one of Africa's biggest billionaires.

Kisumu, Mombasa and Nakuru, Kenya's three largest towns outside the capital, were also rocked by opposition demonstrations calling for a curb to Mr Moi's powers.

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Cambodian coup leaves holiday Britons trapped

By TOM FAWTHROPE IN PHNOM PENH AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THOUSANDS of foreigners, including Britons, who were trapped in their hotels in Phnom Penh during Saturday's Cambodian coup were waiting for the country's international airport to reopen yesterday.

Shelling had eased by yesterday, when Second Prime Minister Hun Sen appeared to have taken control of Phnom Penh from forces loyal to First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh.

One group of tourists who were to have visited the temples of Angkor Wat in northern Cambodia found themselves trapped in the Juliana Hotel. Joyce McCallum, 39, from Glasgow, who was there with her husband and two children, said she had no intention of leaving the country. She planned to stay with friends in a nearby provincial town. "I'm not afraid. I'm a barmaid and

it sometimes gets pretty rough at night in Glasgow," she said. She felt safe enough in the hotel, but it was running out of food and drink.

Another British national working in Phnom Penh who ventured out on Saturday night said he had been held up at gunpoint by soldiers and robbed of his camera and mobile phone. Guests were also trapped in their hotels by an 8pm to 6am curfew, imposed by municipal authorities on Saturday.

In London, the Foreign Office said it was concerned about the fighting, but had no immediate plans to evacuate its 360 citizens there. It urged Britons caught up in the trouble to stay in their homes and stock up on water, food and fuel.

There have been no British casualties, and three Britons were among a group of 46 foreigners who reached the

Thai border on Sunday after fleeing the fighting in Battambang province in the northwest, the Foreign Office said.

Looting, disorder and chaos punctuated by police firing warning rounds into the air were the dominant scenes in the Cambodian capital in the aftermath of Hun Sen's coup, which has neutralised all the Phnom Penh strongholds of his former coalition partner, the royalist FUNCINPEC party.

"The airport remained closed yesterday," but flights are expected to resume today, with several evacuation planes organised by the Thai and Australian embassies.

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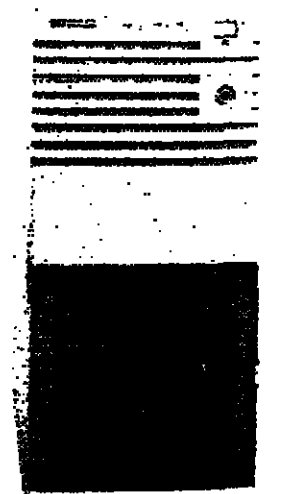
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Mexicans hail poll as triumph for democracy

FROM TUNKU VARADAKJIAN IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO swung to the Left yesterday as voters dealt the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) its worst setback in seven decades of power, depriving it of control of the lower House of Congress and the capital.

With more than four-fifths of the votes counted in the first unquestionably free elections in the country's history, the left-wing Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), led by Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, made impressive gains in Congress. Señor Cárdenas captured the office of Mayor of Mexico City.

The PRI, which has turned the country into a virtual one-party state during 68 years in power, also conceded defeat in two key gubernatorial elections in the industrial north.

Although full official results will not be released until tomorrow, the preliminary count gives the PRI about 229 of the lower House's 500 seats, a sharp decline from the 302 it held previously. The conservative National Action Party

(PAN) has secured 129 seats, up from 118. The biggest gain, however, was made by the PRD, which has seen its number of seats rise to 126, from 70 in the last elections.

In the Mexico City race, the ruling party's candidate, Alfredo del Mazo, won only 25.4 per cent of the vote. He did, however, win much admiration for the gracious manner in which he accepted his defeat and congratulated his victorious rival — an attitude alien to Mexican political traditions.

President Zedillo, of the PRI, also enhanced his reputation by offering Señor Cárdenas his "heartfelt congratulations". Describing the elections as "an irreversible, definitive and historic step towards democratic normality", he extended his "respectful collaboration" to the new Mayor.

Señor Cárdenas will be no ordinary Mayor. He will be governing a city of nearly 20 million people from offices a stone's throw from President

Zedillo's. He is already the leading candidate for the country's next presidential elections in 2000.

Yesterday, Señor Cárdenas appealed for a "democratic consensus", while also sending soothing signals to investors abroad who are perturbed by his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), which links Mexico with the United States and Canada. During his election campaign, he called repeatedly for a "radical modification" of the accord, which he regards as being at the root of Mexico's economic difficulties.

The PAN won the governorships in the prosperous northern states of Nuevo León and Querétaro: in the former, it took 50.4 per cent of the vote, in the latter, 52 per cent.

Buoyed by the party's showing, Vicente Fox, the PAN Governor of the state of Guanajuato, announced yesterday his candidature for the next presidential election, which is beginning to look like a contest between him and Señor Cárdenas, with the PRI possibly resigned to exclusion from Los Pinos, the Mexican "White House".

Analysts were united yesterday in the view that Mexicans had at last entered truly democratic terrain. The positive effect of these elections on the national psyche cannot be exaggerated. The country is in a state of pleasant shock: more than 70 per cent of the 52 million registered voters cast their ballots and there were scarcely

any reports of irregularities. Bewildered citizens, in fact, were treated to the spectacle of an angry complaint to the election commission from the PRI, which has accused a small news agency of "prejudicing" the party's performance by running critical opinion polls on the Internet.

The only real problems were encountered in the troubled southern state of Chiapas, where sympathisers of the Zapatista guerrilla group burnt polling stations and forced several villagers to stay away from the elections. Perhaps the most bizarre incident happened in Guadalupe, where a PAN official observer was arrested after he allegedly tried to rape a four-year-old girl in a polling station.

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A mariachi band in Mexico City's main square leads thousands celebrating the election of Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas as Mayor yesterday

Madonna and cow apology in Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM



Hassan Salameh, convicted of masterminding three Hamas suicide bombs which killed 46 people last year, in court in Beit El in the West Bank yesterday. He was sentenced to 46 consecutive life terms.

CHRISTIANS were offered a public apology by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday after an illustration showing the head of a cow superimposed on a picture of the Virgin Mary appeared in a magazine.

Just days earlier, Mr Netanyahu and President Weizman issued separate apologies to the Muslim world after a Jewish extremist distributed posters depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a pig. The posters sparked riots in Hebron and protests in Iran and Bangladesh.

Both the Greek Orthodox and Latin patriarchates protested about the photo-montage in the Hebrew science magazine *Galileo*. Stephan Savitsky, the publisher, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the illustration accompanied an

article on the possibility of a human foetus being born from an animal's womb. "The editors of the magazine, who simply related to the picture [of the Madonna and Child] as that of a mother and child, was unaware of its religious significance," he said — an explanation that caused more fury among Christians.

Mr Netanyahu was quick to respond. "I am deeply sorry about the hurt," he said.

Minister named: Yaakov Neeman, the former Justice Minister, will take over the Finance portfolio, Mr Netanyahu announced. The appointment was part of a complex package of measures designed to overcome further threats of resignation after last month's decision to quit by Dan Meridor, the popular Finance Minister.

Rover and 'Barnacle Bill' meet

Pasadena: The Sojourner rover yesterday became the first mobile vehicle to roam another planet when it travelled 16 inches over the powdery red soil of Mars, coming to a stop face-to-face with a lumpy rock that has been dubbed Barnacle Bill.

"Sojourner and Barnacle Bill are holding hands," Brian Muirhead, deputy project manager, said late on Sunday as a television feed at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory showed the six-wheeled rover next to the rock-marked rock. The Sensors showed that it had made contact.

"She is the robotic equivalent of Neil Armstrong on Mars," Henry Moore, a rover scientist, said proudly. "She's your field geologist."

Senate inquiry opens into Democrat campaign funds

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

A US Senate investigation into fund-raising scandals finally opens today as new evidence emerged that Asian money was illegally funnelled into last year's presidential elections.

The investigation, headed by Senator Fred Thompson, the former film actor, is the most extensive yet conducted into the financing of an election. It is seen in Washington as probably the last chance to uncover damaging facts about the November elections, the most expensive in United States history, before attention turns to next year's congressional elections.

The committee has issued 200 subpoenas before the 12 days of hearings it will hold

this month. Republicans have been outraged that Mr Thompson, repeatedly named as a potential candidate for the 2000 presidential race, intends to investigate his own party's finances as well as widespread allegations of illegal or inappropriate Democratic fund-raising.

New reports that Indonesian money was illegally channelled to the Democratic campaign surfaced yesterday. In an apparent leak from Mr Thompson's Governmental Affairs committee, *The Washington Post* reported that John Huang, a former employee of the Commerce Department, had used a property company to funnel money from Indonesia into the Democratic

election campaign. Mr Huang, who at that time was employed by the Indonesian Lippo Group, allegedly used a subsidiary of the group, called Hip Hing Holdings, to channel \$79,000 (£47,000) to the campaign.

Mr Huang, a recurrent figure in the Democratic fund-raising affair, has made clear that he would invoke the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination if called to testify to Mr Thompson's committee.

Another report, in *The New York Times*, said President Clinton took a personal interest in employing Mr Huang, going so far as to ask the Democratic National Committee whether Mr Huang would be hired.

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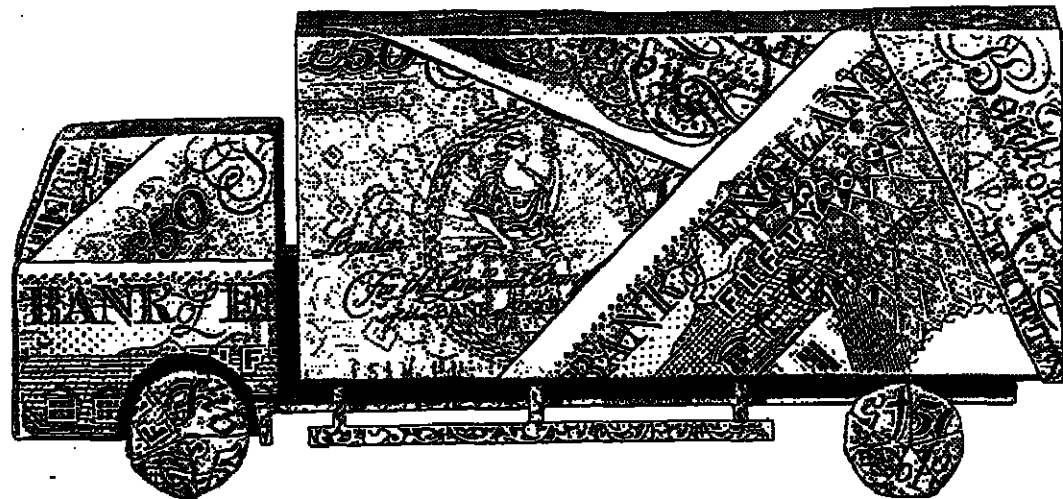
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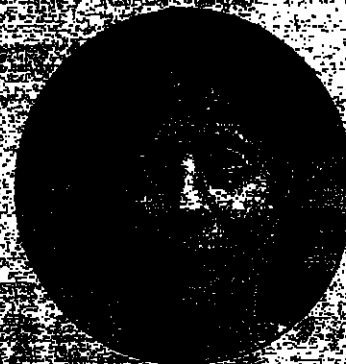
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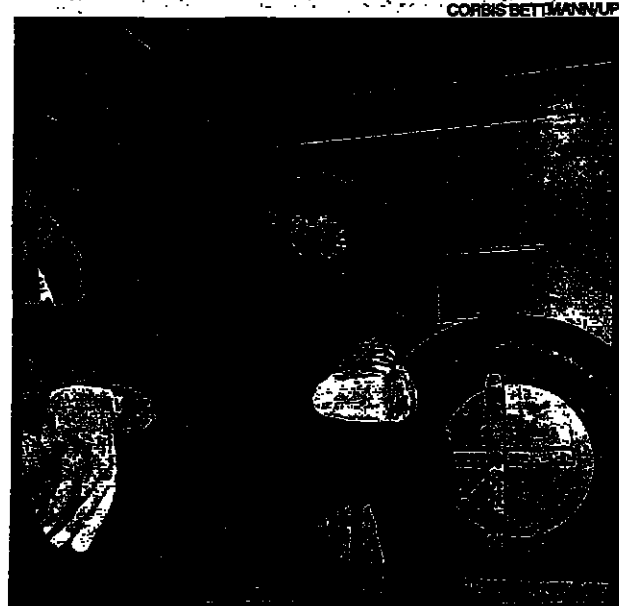
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Norman decided to give a birthday party for our friend Roger Donoghue. It would also serve another purpose. He wanted it to be a promotional party for his campaign as a candidate for the Mayor of New York City. I was so depressed that the last thing we needed to do was throw a big party.

The big event was due to start about nine, but Norman was on his own kick early in the afternoon, smoking pot and swilling bourbon. He got home about eight. He had sobered up a bit, but was still pretty drunk. I showered and put on an expensive black velvet dress. Norman wore a bullfighter's shirt.

Two Martinis before the party helped to quiet the feeling of dread that had been with me all day. By the time the rooms were packed with bodies I'd had a lot more to drink and was overwhelmed by a feeling of impending danger. Crashers came and went, cartons of liquor disappearing down their gullets. The smell of pot mingled with the odour of unwashed bodies. Canapés and cigarette butts were ground into the carpet.

My husband, whom I'd hardly spoken to given the density of the crowd, had left the party out of his head on booze and drugs. By 4am, everyone had gone but me. Lester Blackiston (a friend of Norman) and a black guy who



Mailer is taken away in a "paddy wagon" after his arrest

may have been a crasher. We were making drunken chatter when, suddenly, Norman appeared, his shirt as torn and bloody as his face. He had a black eye. I hardly recognised him, his face was twisted and he was so drunk I don't think he knew where he was. He charged into the living room like a crazed bull, looking for anyone, anything on which to vent his pain and rage. I stared at him and for one insane moment I became the matador, waving my red cape, hating him, taunting him, my drunken anguish and fury

matching his. Then he gored me near my heart and in my back with a dirty 3in penknife. I stood still, feeling nothing. I put my hand on my side and it was wet. I looked at my palm and it was covered with blood. "Oh dear Jesus, help me," I said, and fell. I lay there in my blood-soaked dress, unable to move. Norman stood there and looked at me, while the black stranger tried to help me up. My slightest move was pain. The stranger saw my bloody dress. "My God, man," he said to Norman, "what

have you done? We've got to get her to a hospital." It was amazing how clearly I heard and saw everything - as if it were happening to someone else. I felt Norman kick me. "Get away from her, let the bitch die." The black man tried to pick me up again to get me away from my husband and out of the apartment. Norman shoved him away, and I fell back, still conscious. Norman grabbed the guy, punching him as they wrestled all over the room.

Blackiston had left, so there was just the madness of two men fighting while I lay there. Finally, my new friend knocked Norman to the floor, picked me up, ran to the elevator and helped me down to the lobby. There was still a cluster of half-drunk party guests there. Somebody called a doctor and an ambulance. By this time, my rescuer had disappeared into the night. I never saw him again.

Donald Ogden Stewart Jr held my hand, trying to reassure me. But another voice hammered at me to tell the police I'd fallen on a broken bottle. I agreed, too stunned to protest. The police came before the ambulance; they wanted to know who did it. "I don't know," I cried. "There were pieces of broken bottle on the floor, and I tripped and fell." All of Norman's friends, literary and otherwise, had disappeared. The only one with me was Netty, our maid.

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The last chance for a woman in a swimsuit?

Camilla Parker Bowles would be a fool not to assist in the shaping of her destiny, says Jane Shilling

I must be very odd, being Camilla Parker Bowles. In the aftermath of Diana, Princess of Wales's *Panorama* interview, she was reviled by the media in terms usually reserved for Myra Hindley during one of her periodic bids for freedom.

She was the "third person in the marriage", the bad fairy who turned the dream wedding to dust and ashes. But over the past weekend she has found herself, unless she follows the Prince of Wales's habit of ignoring the vulgar press, the subject of an extraordinary volte-face.

With the screening of a sympathetic television biography, the press, the Church of England, in the person of the Archbishop of York — most of middle England,

in fact — have come round to the view that Camilla Parker Bowles is a Good Thing. In the curiously old-fashioned turn of phrase employed by one paper which usually takes a more politically correct line, it is "time to let Prince Charles make an honest woman of Mrs Parker Bowles".

This, you might have thought, would have been the very moment for the Prince and his mistress to dispense with the increasingly absurd subterfuges with which their relationship has for so long been encumbered and allow themselves to be pictured together. But no. Yesterday's royal-watching tabloids had Prince Charles on the inside pages romping paternally with Prince Harry and Tiggy Legge-Bourke during polo at Cirencester. On the front pages, meanwhile, Mrs Parker Bowles stands alone, snapped in a state of fetching undress at the back of her Wiltshire home, the only vantage point from which the paparazzi (and, doubtless, Mrs Parker Bowles herself) know they can grab a shot. She is dressed for a poolside party, in a flowery bathing suit revealing a magnificent cleavage and the sort of fine,

hard-muscled thighs that you only get from bouncing about on a hunter for years on end. She looks, as well she might, pensive.

Her position is, however, you consider it, a most unenviable one. She is soon to be 50, divorced; her children grown up and she finds herself, in late middle-age,

Charles when they were both much younger ("My great-grandmother and your great-grandfather were lovers, so how about it?"), that she has the perfect blood line for a royal mistress. Like her great-grandmother, Alice Keppel, she has character, a sound temperament; she wouldn't dream of doing anything to frighten the horses.

But while Mrs Keppel was able to pursue her liaison with Edward VII in respectable comfort, acknowledged by the King's immediate social circle, but unknown to the country at large, Mrs Parker Bowles's every move is subject to the judgment of British public opinion in its permanent state of high moral hysteria. For loving the Prince of Wales, she is subject to what he himself in the Camilla-



Camilla Parker Bowles: good for the Prince



The Prince: true love?



The Princess: left behind

gate tapes described as "indignities and tortures and calumnies". She cannot eat a hotdog at an agricultural show without its making front page news, complete with repellent innuendo.

And as the details of her private life are served up as public entertainment, Prince Charles is said, by the ubiquitous royal "friends", to "prefer to bury his head in the sand" — a position characteristic of his sex and class at times of stress.

The Princess famously complained of being "raped" by the press, yet she enjoyed a status and a degree of protection undreamt of by Mrs Parker Bowles in her deeply lonely and irregular situation. Moreover, the "rape" had, when it suited the Princess, the air of something altogether more consensual.

At a time when it must seem to Mrs Parker Bowles that her personal destiny and future happiness are to be determined by public opinion and the media, she would be a fool not to resolve to take an active part in the shaping of that destiny. And no one, in the midst of all the opprobrium, has ever called her a fool.



Before the stabbing: Adele in Connecticut, pregnant with their second child (above), and with Norman at the Copacabana

who had left the children with one of our friends.

"I'm going to die, aren't I?" I whispered. When we got to the hospital I fainted. I was on the operating table for six hours. When they opened me up, I was haemorrhaging, flooded with blood. An angel's hand had stayed the knife a whisper away from my heart.

Norman's mother came to see me a couple of hours after I was taken from the recovery room. I was still hurting, so weak I could hardly talk. That didn't stop her nagging me to stick to my story about falling on a broken bottle.

Norman slipped in late the night after the operation. I panicked, and reached for the bell. "Baby, don't do that, I just came to see how you were." "Well, you can see. Now get out," I said, feeling a wave of nausea. He bent to kiss me, and I recoiled. "I just want to talk to you," he said. He looked haggard and strained. There was a silence as he stared at me, frowning. "You didn't tell the police, did you? You're going to stick to the broken-glass story, aren't you?" "Yes, yes, now go away."

He tried to put his arms around me. "Why are you so scared? That's the one thing I can't stand. Do you know, I watched you being wheeled into the operating room, and I'd never seen you look so beautiful. Don't you understand why I did it? I love you; I had to save you from cancer."

There was no apology, no remorse. Only the rantings of a sociopath. Still, he seemed bewildered, and I knew he was scared. I felt completely alone, and despite my fear and anger, I looked into his face,

and felt a momentary pity. We were in such terrible trouble. Norman more so because he had never been able to look at himself. He had many intellectually devious ways to hide his feelings so deeply that he had to invent a surface reality. He cried but, even in my grief, I knew his were tears of self-pity. It was all gone between us, and I mourned the tears that were not for me.

The detectives came to question me again. "You have a knife wound, Mrs Mailer, we need you to tell us who did it." "All right," I sobbed, "my husband did it." After his arraignment, Norman was sent for psychiatric evaluation. At this point, his examining psychiatrist came to see me. He said that in the circumstances, I could easily obtain a divorce. He said Norman had been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic with suicidal and violent tendencies. "No kidding," I said. He added that in his opinion, my husband was dangerous to himself and others, and recommended a series of shock treatments. He had the papers with him, and explained that I was the only one with the authority to sign the release. I decided not to.

I was getting advice about pressing charges from all over. Some people advised me to put him in jail, and it was even said it would be good for him, that he would be forced to work on that big novel he had been promising to write. Then there were the "intellectuals" and writers, some of whom had been in that lobby while I waited for an ambulance, who were so afraid for their reputations that they fled as soon as the cops came. Now they were

in my room, not out of concern for me, but for Norman, shoving a petition under my nose. I had to hear again what a tragedy it was for him, great writer, brilliant, blah, blah, blah. They needn't have bothered, since I had no intention of signing the release.

I was in intensive care for three weeks. But after being away for a little more than a month, it was time to go home. Norman was due to come home from Bellevue in about a

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week, but for now I was alone, exhausted and still weak.

The day of his release, I must have been living in a fantasy. I put on a pretty nightgown and carefully made up my face. The doctor from Bellevue had told me he thought Norman was still agitated and depressed, but there was little I could do about his state of mind. He was coming home to this apartment, and that was it. I told myself that if he were still dangerous, he would still be in hospital. Whatever else had happened, I knew Norman would never harm the children. As for me, what more could he do?

I was still in bed when the doorbell rang. I tried not to cry, aware of my bandages. I had been so lonely, and a small part of me still wanted him back. I readied myself as I

heard him coming down the hall and into the bedroom.

We looked at each other, not touching. His eyes were angry and cold. Mine were full of tears. Neither of us spoke. He bent to kiss me, and I shrank from his touch. "Goddamn it," he swore. "I can't stand you being afraid of me." "I'm sorry," I said. "I have to get used to everything." We made casual conversation, as if nothing had happened. There was so much that neither of us dared talk about.

The grand jury investigation was pending, and Norman asked me to testify that I did not know who had stabbed me. "I will, but that's perjury," I said. I was assured that I would be protected. My grand jury appearance was not for Norman, but for my kids. They loved him, and I didn't want to have them grow up with a father in prison.

I wasn't prepared for the prosecution's grilling but I gave the performance of my life, and Norman was all admiration. In the end, he changed his plea from not guilty to third-degree assault. I could have put him away for 15 years had I testified against him. All he got was five years' probation.

The following winter was a blur. I had my family and his to the house for Christmas. Norman got fan mail from across the country, most repeating his lawyer's comment: "Talent like his must be protected."

Norman's social life escalated. He partied incessantly. I was still in bed, barely able to get around. One night, I asked him to stay home: "I need you. I don't want to be alone tonight." "Tough," he said. It was 6.30am when I heard the front door click. The dam broke and my body shook with the force of my rage. The next

day I called my lawyer.

After our divorce, Norman was in the media constantly. For a hundred Sundays, I drank my morning coffee, reading *The New York Times* — another wife, another book, kudos, Pulitzer prizes, million-dollar contracts, one of the highest advances for a book since Hemingway.

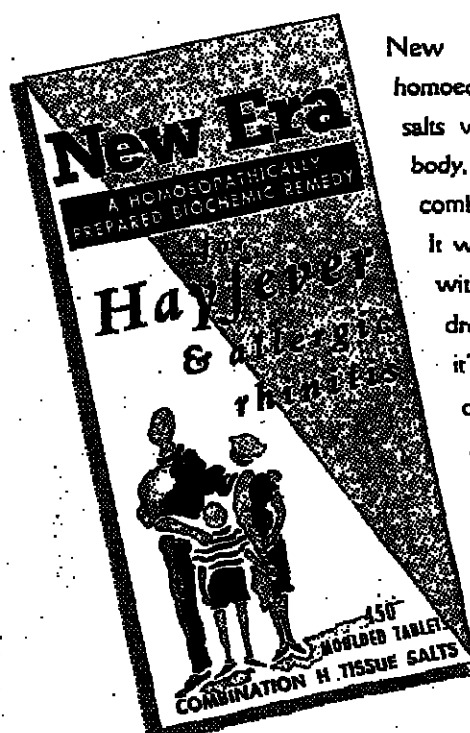
It took 28 years and a couple of bourbons for Norman to blurt out one sentence: "Adele, I'm sorry I trashed your life." It happened at our daughter Betsy's wedding party in 1988 at his apartment. But there was something grudging and condescending in the way he said it.

That year I wrote a one-woman show about my family. Encouraged by its reception, I decided to write Act Two, from age 19 to the present. I took it into my head to read it to Norman. I thought I was doing him a favour: I wanted to read it to him because it centred on everything that happened before and after our divorce.

I tried not to look at him as I read, but when I did, I could see him frowning. I was recreating some painful scenes for us both. At one point, I thought I saw tears in his eyes. But they were immediately covered by a sullen mask. It ended, and there was silence, neither of us wanting to look at the other. I touched his shoulder. "C'mon Norman," I said, and bent to kiss his cheek. He scowled, turning his head away. I was reaching out for some acknowledgement of the past, that our pain and suffering hadn't been for nothing. "It was a good read," he mumbled. "There's just one thing." Oh-oh, I thought, here it comes. Then he said: "Everything is OK, except I never said 'I'm sorry' to the maid."

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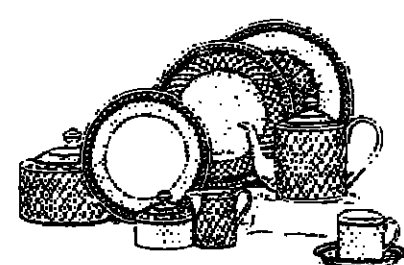
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A National Gallery exhibition sheds new light on a masterpiece, Richard Cork writes



Bathers at Asnières: when first displayed, nobody recognised Seurat's exceptional achievement, and plenty of viewers mocked his grave, hieratic approach to modern life

At an age when most artists are still struggling to discover their vision, Seurat announced his maturity. His monumental canvas *Bathers at Asnières*, painted when he was 24, seems almost effortless. Its figures inhabit the riverside setting with absolute finality. Their grandeur seems unforced and inevitable. Nothing can shake the picture's magisterial calm, and it usually presides over the National Gallery's 19th-century rooms with imperturbable authority.

For the rest of the summer, though, this prodigious image has been placed at the heart of an enthralling exhibition in the Sainsbury Wing. The pictures accompanying it demonstrate how much thought and labour went into the planning of Seurat's first incontestable masterpiece. The organisers, John Leighton and Richard Thomson, have brought together most of the surviving drawings and paintings he produced in preparation for the *Bathers* canvas. They are the work of an extraordinarily methodical young man, who seems to have advanced with precocious confidence towards a painting worthy to hang beside the masters of the past.

He succeeded in his ambition. *Bathers* could be displayed near Piero della Francesca's work without any

Sunday by the river with George

sense of inadequacy. But when Seurat submitted his painting to the Paris Salon of 1884, it was rejected. Nobody recognised its exceptional achievement, and plenty of viewers mocked Seurat's grave, hieratic approach to modern life. In one sense, their lack of sympathy is puzzling. After all, *Bathers* proclaims his loyalty to tradition by investing its subject with the stillness and severity of a classical frieze. But perhaps the elevated style Seurat adopted here seemed inappropriate for such a mundane scene. Instead of placing his figures in an idyllic locale he chose an unprepossessing stretch of the Seine outside Paris. It was built up, polluted and, as Monet had disclosed in an untidy painting called *Men unloading Coal*, highly industrial. The despondency of that dour, oppressive picture is more akin to Doré's Dickensian

images of London than Monet's usual seductive vision of sunlight and river-dazzle.

Not that Seurat emphasised the grinding drabness of *Asnières*. He was careful to relegate factories to the distance, where their chimneys take on the elegance of slender Greek columns. The sails on the river could hardly be more pristine, and no hint of soot besmirches the laundered white coat of the man reclining in the foreground.

In several of the delectable small panels Seurat painted while limbering up for his large canvas, horses stand or move through the river. They add an air of enchantment, and I found myself regretting their exclusion from the final painting. But he may have decided that they were too unruly. A bather rides bareback on a white mount in one captivating little oil sketch, and their motion probably

seemed distracting once Seurat had decided to opt for stillness. Another panel, dominated by the unexpected form of a pale, seated child, shows half of a rainbow arching over the factories beyond. Seurat might well have found it overpoetic.

The longer these preliminary paintings are examined, the clearer his subtle intentions become. If he rejected the rainbow because of its picturesque prettiness, he was just as ready to play down the smoke spreading so obtrusively across the sky in another panel. Smoke can still be detected in the big canvas, for Seurat had no desire to pretend that industrialisation did not exist. At the same time, he allows much of its noxious thickness to be subsumed in heat-haze. This ability to evoke the shimmering quality of summer light gives *Bathers* much of its coherence, and helps to explain why all the figures seem spellbound by the sun.

Seurat was a consummate draughtsman, and the exquisite conté crayon studies for

individual bathers illuminate his purpose as well. Drawn for the most part from models posed in his studio, they emerge from the darkness like sculptures encountered in a shadowy museum at night. By making these careful life studies, Seurat was adhering to hallowed academic principles. The poses he favoured likewise display his awareness of Poussin, Ingres and lesser Neo-Classical artists.

Compared with the splashing and wading bodies who enliven some of the small panels, *Bathers* reduces movement to a minimum. In the distance, a boatman rows a top-hatted man and his companion over to the island. But they are diminutive, and the bathers cannot be bothered to smirk at the pomposity of this bourgeois couple and the French flag folded in their sleek, green boat. Seurat may have intended to satirise their stuffiness, and they lack the dignity of the foreground group. On the whole, however, *Bathers* displays scant interest in the social comedy that plays an increasingly brittle part in his later work.

A profound serenity pre-

vails. The sails add a discreet vivacity, and the curves of their sails are echoed in the trees, the inlet slicing through the riverbank and the triangular shadow cast by the seated bather's arm. The figures themselves, though, appear boulder-like in their massive immovability. Each seems curiously isolated and apart, despite the illusion of communal pleasure. An incipient melancholy can be detected in their isolation, and the picture's gravity surely reflects Seurat's own high seriousness.

But it is in no sense a mournful painting. The fascination with light which gives the oil studies so much sparkle is carried over triumphantly to the final canvas. Although Seurat was already fascinated by the challenge of conveying colour's complexities through the play of complementary hues, he had not yet evolved a method. Traces of Pointillism can be found in the dots peppering the orange hat, but they seem little more significant than a scatter of confetti.

What really unifies the painting is the sensuous, supple brushwork, humanising the bathers' remoteness and erupting on the edge of the nearest stretch of riverbank with especially vibrant chromatic intensity. While helping to account for the figures' stupor, this luminous warmth ensures that suburban *Asnières* is transformed, against the odds, into an everyday Arcadia.

Seurat and the *Bathers*, sponsored by Pearson, is at the National Gallery (0171-747 2885) until Sep 28.

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

THE summer show of French drawings at Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox has become such a fixture of the London art calendar that it comes as something of a surprise that this year's is only the tenth. The selection has little to do with just going for big names: about the biggest here are Bonnard, with an exquisite narrow upright image of a young woman in a public garden, and Maillol with a characteristic nude. But among the lesser men, like Forain, Guys and Anquetin, there are wonders. Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox, 38 Bury Street, SW1 (0171-930 6422), until July 18.

DURING the 20th century the still-life has been under something of a cloud. It has never lost its popularity with the conservative collector, but it has been in the critical doldrums, pegged as a minor art form. Then the National Gallery's eye-opening 1995 exhibition *Spanish Still-life from Velazquez to Goya* proved that Melendez was up there with the greatest Spanish painters, chosen genre notwithstanding. The show *La Nature Morte* is therefore timely. Some may prefer to steer clear of the slightly gruesome assemblages of game birds or fish, but it is perfectly possible, among this array of flowers, fruit and game from 1600 to 1900, to stick with the flower pieces, which are always pretty if sometimes a little overwhelming in their ornateness and wilful virtuosity. Rafael Vela, 11 Duke Street and 6 Ryder Street, SW1 (0171-930 1144), until July 18.

CLIFFORD HALL (1904-1973) was a remarkably consistent and productive painter, with a particular feeling for drab London streets, faded South Coast resorts and the slightly sleazy side of popular theatre in London and Paris. He also developed a preoccupation with the enveloped human body, invariably female — women changing under towels on the beach, women sitting wrapped in comfort blankets in the studio, always turned away from the spectator. It is a small, idiosyncratic world, which becomes more alluring with every year. Belgrave Gallery, 53 Englands Lane, NW3 (0171-722 5150), until Friday.

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THE long arm of coincidence has done it again. Sir Simon Rattle conducting the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in *Belshazzar's Feast* would have been a sensational enough ending to the EMI Centenary Gala in Symphony Hall. But with the vocal forces doubled by the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, in Birmingham for the Voices in the City festival, the effect was awesome.

If the participation of nearly 400 voices could do nothing to enhance textual clarity, well prepared though both contingents were, it certainly did everything for organic excess. In fact, after *Belshazzar's Feast*, Walton's wickedly pagan choral writing and Rattle's fearless application of dynamic energy — had inspired such an acoustic feast, one could only regret that he was so peremptorily slain for it. The celebration of his demise had all the virtues of buoyancy and brilliance, not to mention the high comedy of an early organ entry in the closing bars, but it was tame in comparison.

As for the writing on the wall, though it spells out Richard Strauss as clearly as anything else, it was a spine-chilling moment. The baritone soloist Simon Keenlyside was even more effective here than in his more oratorical utterances earlier on.

For Elgar's Violin Concerto Nigel Kennedy returned to a role which, until he recorded *The Four Seasons* and then so wisely took refuge in long-term time-out, was in public perception exclusively his. He still does the clowning bit, as he demonstrated by using his button-holing of the audience to introduce two movements of unaccompanied Bach (the Prelude in E and the Adagio in C), he is no less serious a musician for that.

Indeed, his interpretation of the Elgar concerto was so serious that his disproportionately lingering interpretation of the cadenza put the last movement quite out of shape. But he did play beautifully here, as he had in the Andante, where the sweetness of the sound did much to compensate for the sometimes abrasive quality of the bravura passages in high positions in the first movement. And for sheer physical and emotional stamina his performance is even more impressive than it was before.

Gala charity concerts (this one was in aid of EMI's Music Sound Foundation) are not usually associated with first performances. It is to the credit of this one that, alongside the soft centre and the hard edge of British music, it postulated a taurine fringe in the form of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Four-Horned Beast*. The horns are actually those of the CBSO, for whom the work was written, but there is something bullish about the piece in the way it keeps it head down and charges about without actually making contact where it hurts.

Rarely exploiting the upper register of the solo instruments, and restricting orchestral participation largely to strings and percussion, it begins in the depths like Ravel's *La Valse*, retains its characteristically dark colouring throughout and develops a powerful rhythmic thrust without, frustratingly, opening out melodically or texturally.

GERALD LARNER

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

SAINT-SAËNS'S *SAMSON ET DALILA*
reviewed by Roger Nichols

THE third of Saint-Saëns's 12 operas, *Samson et Dalila* is alone in having gained a place in the repertory. A place hardly won, too. Liszt conducted the premiere in Weimar in 1877, but only in 1892 did the Paris Opera design to follow suit.

The work's popularity is due largely to Dalila's three wonderful arias and to the opportunities for a Samson who is both lover, religious leader and demolisher of temples. Of the seven recordings available, the oldest — taken from a live performance at the New York Met in 1936 — features Ezio Pinza as the High Priest. But unfortunately the level of surface noise ruins it. The studio recording made ten years later, under Louis Forestier (EMI CMS 5 65263-2), while also marred by tinny sound, is well worth studying for the wonderfully fluent and stylish singing of José Luccioni and Hélène Bouvier.

One of the main difficulties in singing *Dalila* is to convey both her sensuality and desire for vengeance. Elena Obratzova and Rita Gorr, in recordings conducted by Barenboim and Prétre, impress on the vengeance front but too often abjure the tenderness.

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Another live stage recording, from the 1988 Bregenz Festival, features Maryana Lipovsek and Carlo Cossutta, with Sylvain Cambreling conducting. Here it is the Samson who is too unresponsive to melting moments.

This leaves two contenders. The 1969 version conducted by Sir Colin Davis (Philips 426 243-2) has a passionate Samson in José Carreras, and for unparalleled storms, climaxes and choral fun, only the presence of a somewhat harsh Agnes Baltsa spoils it. The dream team consists of Plácido Domingo and Waltraud Meier, on the most recent recording with forces of the Paris Opera-Bastille conducted by Myung-whun Chung (EMI CDS 7 54470-2, £31.99), who responds vividly to the continuous fluctuations of emotion and texture. Domingo is heroic but never crass, while Meier is utterly convincing as both seductress and viper.

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Give Nato the tools to finish its job

Michael Portillo returns to the fray with advice for the Madrid summit

As the Madrid summit opens this morning, Nato has much to celebrate. Two years ago its leading members were locked in disagreement over Bosnia, and the organisation appeared powerless to halt the slaughter. The end of the Cold War had removed Nato's reason for existence, and the alliance had yet to discover a new role and purpose. It looks different now. Nato took effective action in Bosnia, first by bombing the Bosnian Serbs, then by deploying large-scale ground forces in support of the Dayton agreement. It has been a thoroughly effective operation, which defined a new role for Nato in promoting security beyond the territory of its members.

Those successes will rightly be celebrated at Madrid. The enlargement of Nato to include countries from the former Warsaw Pact is especially significant. Russia protested against any enlargement and launched an effective campaign to woo opinion formers and editors in the West. It has succeeded in convincing many that Nato's expansion to Russia's borders is an affront to its pride and will be a source of future instability.

I see it differently. We must not allow the world to be frozen in the Yalta pattern of 1945. We cannot allow the Russians to believe they have a continuing sphere of influence over sovereign nations. Stability in Europe depends mainly on entrenching the new democracies. They will flourish only if they feel secure, and as Nato members they will.

The world still looks too perilous for Nato to assume a softer form

There are more democracies in Europe today than ever, and since democracies do not invade each other, the prospects for stability are correspondingly good. The admission of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland is therefore an historic achievement and the agreement with Russia a triumph of diplomacy. But the alliance faces important challenges. To start with, Nato has not properly redefined its purpose. The Russians believe it still exists to deter them. Nato denies it. The Western European public no longer feels threatened by anybody, and its governments continue to cut defence spending. Nato does not see Russia as the most likely threat. We hope it will remain democratic. We are more likely to be threatened by one of the militant dictatorships now developing weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles, and exporting terrorism. As the Gulf War demonstrated, to protect our allies or our interests, we may need to fight in high-intensity conflict far from home. The Roman dictum was: "If you want peace, prepare for war." Notice "war", not "peacekeeping". It would be a great mistake if Nato began to think of itself as a replacement United Nations. Nato must articulate its purpose better and stop cutting its defences. Otherwise the dictators will think us weak-willed.

France is keen to establish a more visible security and defence identity for Europe. That risks being a sideshow. Europeans ought to do more for themselves, but will not be able to do so if they continue to spend less. France would like to see more European generals in top Nato jobs. The Americans will not allow the Sixth Fleet to come under a European commander. The danger is that we will end up with chains of command that would be ineffective in an emergency.

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The enlargement of Nato is both a triumph and a problem. A larger alliance has to be ratified by national parliaments and, of course, by Congress. The Nato treaty rests upon accepting that an attack on any member state is an attack on all. American senators may just accept the proposal to extend that guarantee to the Poles, Czechs and Hungarians: but will they in future also swallow similar guarantees to the Baltic states?

The Russians are, to put it mildly, jittery about Nato forces in the Baltic. Nato wants to reassure them, but also make plain its concern for the sovereignty of the "Baltic Three" and Ukraine. The new democratic governments in those countries insist that Madrid keep open the door for their admission. In practice, Nato may eventually have to choose between remaining a hard-edged military alliance with somewhat limited membership, or becoming a softer-looking club of democratic nations that can take in everyone — including even Russia. Looking towards that choice today, the world still looks far too dangerous for Nato to assume a softer form, which makes it all the more important to develop other sorts of links with the Baltic and Ukraine.

Nato's most immediate challenge remains Bosnia. It has been an alliance success, but it isn't over till it's over. Nato denies it. The Western European public no longer feels threatened by anybody, and its governments continue to cut defence spending. Nato does not see Russia as the most likely threat. We hope it will remain democratic. We are more likely to be threatened by one of the militant dictatorships now developing weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles, and exporting terrorism. As the Gulf War demonstrated, to protect our allies or our interests, we may need to fight in high-intensity conflict far from home. The Roman dictum was: "If you want peace, prepare for war." Notice "war", not "peacekeeping". It would be a great mistake if Nato began to think of itself as a replacement United Nations. Nato must articulate its purpose better and stop cutting its defences. Otherwise the dictators will think us weak-willed.

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Gordon Brown is trying to complete the Tories' post-industrial revolution, says Anatole Kaletsky

If Britain goes bust, don't blame the Budget

If you are confused by last week's Budget, don't worry — you are in good company. The City, the media, the political parties and the business lobbies are equally at sixes and sevens.

The Budget was criticised by previously sympathetic City analysts for not taking enough money out of the citizens' pockets, while the National Association of Pension Funds denounced it as the most audacious daylight robbery since Robin Hood. To balance such attacks from the City, the Chancellor was showered with vitriol on Sunday by Ken Livingstone, the self-appointed spokesman of the Left.

What is going on? In a sense all the confusion can be boiled down to one issue: a fundamental disagreement among economists about what Budgets are for. One side, broadly described as Keynesians, believe that the Budget is the main annual opportunity for the Chancellor to regulate the strength of the economy and help to control inflation by adjusting taxes and public spending. The other side insists that Budgets should merely review

the Government's spending and tax priorities, with the aim of levying just enough revenues to pay for public spending and to stabilise the national debt. On this view it is up to the Bank of England to keep the economy on a steady non-inflationary course by manipulating interest rates and allowing sterling to move up and down.

If the Budget were being used in a Keynesian manner, then the Chancellor should arguably have raised taxes more harshly and aimed them at consumers. These higher taxes might have helped to control potential inflation, taking some of the upward pressure off interest rates and preventing a further malignant hardening of the pound. But if the Budget's job was merely to balance the books, then what Mr Brown did was absolutely

right. He raised enough money to pay for the public spending plans inherited from the Tories, and to keep the national debt on a steady downward course. The only point of levying higher taxes would have been to finance more public expenditure — a course Mr Brown had firmly forewarned, at least until April 1999.

So which approach to the Budget is the right one? In the view of the Keynesians (myself included), taxes should be actively manipulated, alongside interest rates and the exchange rate, to control inflation and manage demand. But my opinion is irrelevant. What matters is that the Treasury, the Bank and the City all firmly espouse the opposite point of view. They believe in the monetarist credo that inflation is always and everywhere a

monetary phenomenon, which can only be controlled through high interest rates. By making the Bank independent, Mr Brown institutionalised this doctrine and made it impossible to implement the alternative view that changes in taxes and interest rates should be co-ordinated to manage demand.

To expect Mr Brown to return to Keynesian demand management in his very first Budget would have been both absurd and futile, since the Bank would be bound by its monetarist anti-inflation mandate to raise interest rates anyway. It is therefore both inconsistent and unrealistic for anyone who supported an independent Bank of England to criticise the Budget for failing to stifle inflation and consumer demand.

In new Labour's new Britain,

controlling inflation is up to the central bank and to nobody else. This means inevitably that anti-inflation policy will produce high interest rates and an overvalued exchange rate, putting the whole burden of adjustment on manufacturers and metal-bashing exporters. Ken Livingstone, for one, is therefore right to complain on behalf of old Labour's traditional manual, working-class supporters. But Mr Brown's new Britain is a middle-class country, indifferent to the fate of British Steel, ICI and their workers. And perhaps this indifference is right.

Perhaps the City and the rest of the service sector can pay Britain's way in the world, even at exchange rates that cripple traditional manufacturing exporters. The Tories started to turn Britain into a post-industrial economy in 1979. Now Mr Brown, with the help of an independent central bank, can complete the job. With luck, Britain will become the New York or California of Europe. And if things go wrong? Then blame Mr Brown's decision on the Bank of England, not his Budget.

Nourished by principle

Resignations over baby-milk carry a message for the compromising Nineties

The member — an honourable member indeed — stood firm, unmoved by the majority view that the money in the large brown envelope was nothing to fuss about: useful, indeed, and sorely needed. None of this counted, next to the uncomfortable promptings of a sharpened individual conscience. The member knew that after years of service and passionate belief a refusal to compromise would mean resigning from the band of like-minded people on which life had been centred for many years. It would mean standing alone in the outer darkness and being damned as a prig.

There may have been moments of private doubt: did a bit of money really make all that difference? Surely you could take it, and not compromise your principles? These are the sophisticated Nineties — perhaps one could live with it. Nothing wrong in letting big business assist good work. In this case nothing illegal or even unusual was being considered; and most other members seemed happy enough with the ethics of the deal. It was a thin, almost invisible, line which the member was refusing to cross, and a long, happy association being risked. Maybe, in the member's heart, there was a moment of wavering.

But it was no good. Conscience prevailed, and in tears, some 40 breastfeeding counsellors resigned last week from the National Childbirth Trust (somehow, I daresay, you may have guessed by now that I was not talking about the Conservative Party. Or even new Labour). In the case of the NCT women it was not the fear of personal corruption which made them dig their heels in, but of collective corruption. They just could not accept the leadership's pragmatic decision to accept £40,000 in sponsorship from Sainsbury's — for Sainsbury's sells an own-brand powdered baby milk in a pretty floral canister, and a large part of the NCT's work is to persuade women that, if physically possible, it is better to offer a newborn baby its mother's milk straight from the usual container.

Which it is, actually: I doubt you will find a respectable doctor to gain say it, even though made-up milks provide a vital safety net when nature plays a dirty trick on mother and child and makes breastfeeding impossible. Respectable baby-milk manufacturers do not deny it either, although there have been scandals about companies such as Nestlé putting formulae milk on "Third World mothers" as a "modern" option even when those mothers are unlikely to have clean water or the wherewithal to sterilise bottles. Nobody in this dispute has been suggesting that Sainsbury's in any way is an unprincipled company, or pushes powdered milk at mothers to maximise its profits. It is just that the rebels thought that their independent status of advisers would be compromised by such an association. They had hair-trigger consciences and could not ignore them. So they left. You do not have to agree with their stance to admire their sacrifice.

Indeed this headline, almost suicidal, display of principle comes as something of a refreshment: like Anouilh's uncompromising St Joan in the play, or Kipling's common soldier giving his life rather than kowtow. We need such examples, however unreasonable. Especially after the murk and weasel words, the "sharp editing" and economy with truth which marked the Aitken libel case, and the even more queasy experience of watching the response of Neil Hamilton to the Downey report. Here on display were consciences which had been tamed and adjusted and kept for years under such perfect control that they were no trouble whatsoever to their owners.

Indeed, the one thing which unites all those involved in the myriad sleaze inquiries of the past few years is a certain fat-witted arrogance which is genuinely incapable of believing that a chap like oneself — bold and free and original — could ever be compromised just by taking a bit of tribute. Whereas these unfortunate breastfeeding counsellors of the NCT — volunteers, rarely affluent, hard-working — were so haunted by principle that they could not accept even an association with tainted money which they, personally, would never see. They strained at a gnat, while Hamilton, Smith, Aitken and the rest smiled smugly and swallowed elephants.

I am sad about the NCT counsellors, particularly because I owe a lot to one of them, whose freely given services enabled me 14 years ago to feed my first child. I had serious difficulties, as many women do (yes, yes, gentlemen, I

am aware that we are in mixed company. I will spare you the details. Without the slightest hint of patronage, and without deriding me for having resorted to a few bottles early on. Nicky, of the Greenwich NCT, advised, supported, visited, instructed, and cheerfully accepted lachrymose telephone calls at 5am. In the end, we triumphed.

I want to pay this tribute, because NCT zealots in general and breastfeeding counsellors in particular are the butt of so much teasing and caricature, even among the women they are there to help. Those women whose identity is rooted strongly in being chic and sexy, or businesslike and tough, often resent the early, dungareed atmosphere of many NCT classes preparing women for childbirth. I have known a man refuse to attend "because I can't bear being the only one without a beard, and I don't like panting in public". Breastfeeding counsellors have at times taken a rather sanctimonious approach to women who have emotional or even professional reasons for not wanting to suckle their babies, and a whole library of jokes has grown up around the more bizarre pieces of advice they offer.

Libby Purves

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an evolved Western society with a taste for virtual pushbutton shrink-wrapped life finds it unsettling to be suddenly told to put cabbage leaves in its brassiere. Or tea-strainers (even though, gentlemen, I can confirm that both have their uses. No, no. I promise no more detail).

I wish the new, sponsored NCT and its remaining counsellors, and the break-away group, too, all the best of luck with their task of helping overcivilised, over-mechanised, over-fearful modern woman to get back in touch with her maternal animal side both at birth and afterwards. But I think we also owe them a debt for having undergone the internal struggle and so publicly lost the group of angry rebels. They force us all to focus, albeit uncomfortably, on what commercial sponsorship always to some degree implies.

Since "business partnership" is an ever-growing area, it does no harm to be reminded that, however big the money, without a set of very strict and overt rules it can mutate into a kind of corruption. Schools and colleges take money from business schools, more disturbing-

ly, take commercial teaching packs with a slant to them from bodies like the meat trade, the Vegetarian Society, Nuclear Electric, and supermarkets. Journalists accept ritz hospitality and fail to mention it in their copy. Magazines run "advertorials", letting their house style be used by advertisers. Charities are sometimes so desperate for sponsorship that they fail to notice how disproportionate a favour they are doing the business by sharing their clean image. Local authorities involve themselves in "planning gain" agreements in which the town gets a swimming pool in return for the green light for a superstore or power station. Broadcasters get uncomfortably close to football clubs, film-makers dabble in the murky waters of product placement.

Small half-corruptions are all around us every day. Some are innocuous and reasonable ways of getting commerce to contribute to society; others more insidious. But it does no harm, in an age when most of us think more like a Hamilton or Aitken, to be shown the opposite extreme. I am sorry the counsellors felt they had to go, but entirely glad that — feeling as they did — they had the bottle to do it.

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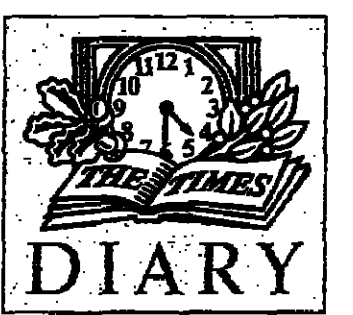
Boat hook

PEACE at last for John Major, the former Prime Minister, who is spending his parliamentary recess on John Paul Getty's yacht, *Talitha G*. Both Getty and Major are huge Surrey cricket fans, and they struck up a friendship in the directors' boxes at the Oval. Getty has remained in London, while Major, his family, and some friends from East Anglia, understood to include Baroness Blatch, the former Home Office Minister, and her family, cruise the Mediterranean.

"The holiday is basically a present from John to Norma," says

a close friend of the Majors. "Since the election they have been living out of boxes and have not really had time to unwind. It will be the first time in more than ten years that John has gone on holiday without his red boxes."

Getty's yacht is quite a place to unwind. After the Majors are done with her, the Duke of Edinburgh will be taking her on to use at Cowes Week as a replacement for the decommissioned *Briannia*. At 217ft-long, she is among the 20 largest yachts in the world. Getty bought her in 1986 from the



Australian impresario Robert Stigwood, then spent £10 million refitting her. She has hand-crafted wood veneers, marble bathrooms, a crew of 18, and is named after Getty's first wife, Tabitha Pol, who died of a heroin overdose in Rome in 1972.

John Wells, the satirist and a regular yacht guest of Getty, says: "There is a Jacuzzi on the foredeck which the former Prime Minister should enjoy."

Easy money

THERE is an added zing to the summer holiday plans of Etonians leaving school this year, after a gift of £10,000 to the school from a Slough financial services firm to encourage "leadership and responsibility". The money has been div-

vied up mainly among the 50 or so heads of house and games captains. Each of the chosen boys has received a cheque of up to £200, to do with what he will.

David Ainslie, group legal director at Towry Law, which regularly advertises in Eton publications, explains that the awards are part of an annual £4-million handout to worthy educational causes and not a long-term strategy to win future clients for their school fees prepayment plan. One boy has written to thank Towry Law for the money, which he promises to spend on a Christian missionary expedition. For most, however, the cheque should prove useful holiday spending money.

Asked whether there might not be more worthy causes to spend money on than the summer holidays of 18-year-old Etonians, Ainslie replies: "There are always more worthwhile things to spend money on."

Bust-up

SOME of those who bought the dresses auctioned by Diana, Princess of Wales, have been heard grumbling. Joan Rivers, the comedian who fronted the television coverage at the Christie's sale in New York last month, told *The New*

York Post yesterday: "One prominent woman finally got around to trying on the Di dress she bought and it had to be a size 16. Diana sure as hell was never that size."

The buyers had clearly not heeded the pre-sale warnings that some of the dresses had been given by Diana to friends who had then had them altered to accommodate less gym-toned figures.

Only the thought of the £2 million they helped to raise for Aids research can console the numerous notable Anglophiles in America,



"I swear it fell on my head" says Ludgate Hill

who had hoped to be dressed like a princess, but instead find themselves billowing around the behind in a most un-Diana-like way.

For all their tribal ritual, London's gentlemen's clubs are like knitting circles compared with their Italian counterparts. At the Caccia Club, in Rome, a club so grand it has blackballed members of the Flat-owning Agnelli family for being too nouveau riche, the president, the Marchese Sacchetti, Governor of the Vatican, has been forced to resign. It would be as if the Duke of Devonshire were to resign from White's. His crime was to propose for membership a well-known Italian general who had no aristocratic lineage.

Loved one

EVEN by her own high standards, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, wife of the late bullion-broker Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, would have been pleased with the organisation for her funeral, held last week in All Saints' Church at Tudeley, Kent. More than 300 guests — including Elie de Rothschild, Christopher Soames and Lord and Lady Abergavenny — came to pay their respects to the cigar-smoking hostess. Late arrivals watched the ser-



Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid

vice on a huge television screen in a marquee outside the church. The high point was a rendition of Cole Porter's *What is this thing called Love*, sung by a London choir which had been driven down especially for the service. The funeral was followed by a lavish champagne buffet. "It was tremendous fun," says one exhausted mourner. "The only person who looked a little iffy was the ex-Bishop of Rochester, who took the service. He looked more *Onward Christian Soldiers* than Cole Porter."



LABOUR'S STANDARDS

An Education White Paper to extend excellence

The Labour Government has already driven up expectations with a rhetorical emphasis on education pitched higher than that of the last administration. With the publication yesterday of *Excellence in Schools*, the Education White Paper, the Government has also produced policy proposals for improving standards more coherent and all-embracing than any of the initiatives introduced by John Major's Government.

In doing so, Labour ministers embrace men and measures that they have spent much of the past fighting. The comparative tests which are the best guarantee of achievement and which have already contributed to an improvement in standards were, initially, opposed by Labour. The breadth, scale and rigour of the White Paper's proposals, however, demonstrate that this Government has done more than just absorb and regurgitate parental concerns. It now has them by heart.

The White Paper sets out the areas where the Government expects schools to do better, the methods it believes will secure higher standards and the mechanisms to promulgate best practice. The Education Secretary, David Blunkett, has set tough targets and, with a feeling for incentives as sure as any salesman, will link extra spending to improved results. Work will continue on identifying the best teaching methods but there will be an unambiguous commitment to using phonics for reading lessons and whole-class teaching for maths. Parents will understand these terms better as traditional teaching methods, and pupils will, as a result, understand better.

Teachers' performance will be monitored by Ofsted under an inspection regime which will be, if anything, more Prussian than before. There will be a shorter period of notice before inspections begin; greater scrutiny of individual classroom practice and wider dissemination of performance

data. But Labour offers a partnership, inviting teachers to see the drive for standards as a crusade for pupils rather than a jihad against teachers. It is an offer that should be grasped.

The Government also hopes to involve parents in its work. Refinements to school league tables should enable parents to make better judgments about schools, and join in applying pressure for improvement. It has been the publication of test results that has most starkly exposed failing schools and highlighted excellence. The Government proposes to publish not just the school's final level of performance but the relative levels of achievement at different stages.

Many schools, particularly in inner-city areas, have a high pupil turnover which makes comparisons difficult. The Government hopes, eventually, to have the capacity to measure how schools affect individual pupils' improvement. Parents will still have the raw figures which reveal which schools perform best, but more information will allow other assessments to be made.

The character of a school, and its capacity to improve, depend to a great deal on the quality of the head teacher. One of the White Paper's many overdue innovations is the creation of a fast-track scheme to identify teachers with leadership potential and train them. The Government hopes to adopt talent-spotting techniques from private enterprise and will balance this new path to promotion with the creation of a new grade for advanced skills teachers. These will be teachers with pedagogic gifts which deserve recognition, but whom it is vital to keep in the classroom and who might otherwise seek promotion out of it.

Ultimately, the education system should strive for as great a variety of choices for teachers, parents and pupils as possible. This White Paper is a confident stride towards a welcome extension of opportunity.

THUGGERY IN THE CATHEDRAL

President Moi's brutality will be the ruin of Kenya

Led by clergymen and MPs, a group of Kenyans was at prayer yesterday in Nairobi's All Saints Anglican Cathedral when President Daniel arap Moi sent in the riot police. Through the tear gas Timothy Njoya, a priest held in high national respect, advanced towards them with his hands raised in surrender. He was kicked to the ground and savagely gubbed on the head.

This was no riot, until the Government made it one. It was a case of unprovoked and unconsentable brutality, ordered by the State, against people assembled to pray for such elementary things as free speech and accountable government. If further confirmation were required of the urgency of political and social reform in Kenya, it is provided by the atrocities witnessed in Nairobi by our correspondent Sam Kiley, reported on page 14. If confirmation were required that President Moi would rather destroy the last vestiges of public trust in authority than give way to legitimate calls for constitutional reform, then that is provided by this latest demonstration of his contempt for law as well as for life.

In Nairobi, many of the civilians seized at random, battered with pick-axes and robbed of their possessions by military, police and Kenya's feared paramilitary General Service Unit were not even participating in yesterday's nationwide demonstrations for political reform. Among the dead elsewhere in the country was a teenager shot as he ran from the police — another young victim in a country where already this year, students such as Solomon Muriu have met violent deaths for daring to complain about official corruption and where hundreds are in prison without trial. With every death, the prospect recedes of solving Kenya's deepening crisis by peaceful political means.

President Moi may believe that if he is sufficiently ruthless he can crush the life out of dissent itself. To a large degree, this has been possible in the past, partly because

Kenya's political opposition was badly fragmented but also because external pressure from the Western governments whose taxpayers help to prop up his scandal-ridden regime has been intermittent and half-hearted. The demands that unite the Kenyan churches, civil organisations and opposition politicians are for constitutional reforms before the elections due later this year, which they are right to contend will otherwise be a farce. Mr Moi's response is to destroy law and order by turning peaceful demonstrations into bloody battles, the better to argue that the "atmosphere is not conducive to discussion of constitutional reforms".

This deadlock must be broken. External pressure can be effective, as was shown in 1992 when a gathering foreign aid boycott compelled Mr Moi to stage multiparty elections. But because he calculated, correctly as it turned out, that he could get away with it, he rigged the results. The West turned a blind eye then; out of self-interest if not out of sympathy for the Kenyan people, it now needs to make up for that failure.

Self-interest exists at two levels, political and economic. Politically, the Kenyan brush is even dirtier than it was in 1992: the downfall of Zaire's dictator, President Mobutu, has galvanised opposition. Demonstrators chant the name of Laurent Kabila. Kenyans do not want civil war, but increasingly, they see little alternative. At the economic level, the case for political reform is strengthened by official corruption and financial scandal so massive that only fools or knaves would now dream of investing in Kenya. The International Monetary Fund is rightly suspending loans after the collapse of court proceedings in the Goldenberg affair, a massive fraud involving fictitious exports of gold and diamonds which reaches right to the heart of Government. On Kenya, Britain's voice matters and Robin Cook has said that in his Foreign Office, human rights will take centre stage. His lead is awaited.

BYRON THE COALMINER

Romantic legends of bills and burrowings

Newstead Abbey, Byron's childhood home near Nottingham, has been falling down for centuries. But until now its romantic Byronic dilapidation has been created by appropriately Byronic fecklessness and shortage of funds. Its latest ruin, however, may be caused by coalminers digging underneath it where even the National Coal Board once feared to delve.

It is true that the prospective miners have taken out a bond to repair any damage they may cause. But all the bonds in Lombard Street may be inadequate to put together again the soft stone and crumbling walls of Newstead. Byron himself could have turned a witty canto about the absurd gap in legislation that requires no planning permission for underground working in an island built on coal. He might have made a barbed paradox about the new mining technology that still causes subsidence half a mile above underground workings.

For Byron has always been more popular as a romantic hero in mainland Europe than in his native land. But literary luminaries have now waxed fierce in declaring that his memory and memorabilia are more important than coal.

When Byron died of unromantic rheumatic fever at Missolonghi, the Greeks

wished to bury him in Athens. But only his heart stayed in Greece. His body was returned to England. When he was refused burial in Westminster Abbey, he was buried in the family vault near Newstead Abbey. In as much as Byron ever felt nostalgia for home, it was centred on Newstead. There the first powerful woman in his life, his mother, was buried; and also his dog Boatswain, for whom he composed one of the few romantic rather than sentimental canine epitaphs. Newstead represented home and status for the fiery little boy scarred by his clubfoot, genteel poverty and Scottish Calvinism. So it is worth preserving for posterity's sake.

But it would be wrong to confuse Byron himself with the Byronic hero, whose image he left for posterity. In his personal life, Byron was practical and businesslike, fully engaged in the social and political affairs of the world. He would have been unselfish in cutting down the trees there in order to minimise the inheritance he left to Byron's father, "Mad Jack". Young George might have hoped that subsidence caused by the miners would swallow up the jungles of rhododendrons planted to replace his lost timber. He would be most unromantically interested in the size of that bond.

Northern Ireland outlook worsens

From Dr Brian Houston

Sir, Last year when the RUC acquiesced to the Orange march down the Garvaghy Road we were told that it was because the police (and Government) could not contain the potential loyalist violence. One year on and the same decision is taken for the same reason (reports and leading article, July 7).

Dr Mo Mowlam, the Secretary of State, chastises both sides, saying one is as bad as the other, and expects the peace talks to proceed to substantive issues. But what is there to talk about? The Unionists can negotiate in the knowledge that, if they do not get what they want, the threat of violence and widespread disruption will be sufficient to derail any peace train.

The message from Drumcree is loud and clear. New Labour are the same as old Labour. As in 1974, during the Ulster Workers Council strike against the Sunningdale Agreement, they have shown themselves unwilling to stand up to the loyalist veto on change. Until the Government grasps this, the outlook will remain bleak.

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From Mr Brendan Turley

Sir, One result of last year's disorder at Drumcree was an increase in electoral support for Sinn Féin.

With the peace process clearly on its knees it is surely incumbent on all those parties in Northern Ireland sincerely interested in finding a peaceful solution to ensure that they are not seen to be involved in actions which are triumphalist in nature and undermine those seeking a democratic accommodation of all sides.

By the RUC once again appearing to have given in to loyalist threats of violence it is clear that while David Trimble and the Unionist Party may see Sunday's events as some sort of victory, it can only in the long term give strength to their most violent opponents.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr T. O. Malone

Sir, The fact that conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace has been repeated annually is not a defence, it is an aggravation. Nor is lack of intention to breach the peace a defence. So, even if the Ku Klux Klan were able to convince the authorities that it intended to march in regalia through Brixton, but only as a short cut to its annual picnic, should not the provocateurs of such a likely breach of the peace be restrained or arrested, not those whose peace will be breached?

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From Captain P. R. D. Kimm, RN (ret)

Sir, A Belfast-born Catholic, I dreamed last night that as the howler hats and banners in Drumcree went booming down Garvaghy Road into Portadown, the residents there streamed cheering from their houses to wave and to throw flowers at the feet of the marchers. There were banners above the road reading "Welcome" and "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive..." and there was much smiling and laughter. There were even trays of the black stuff for any of the marchers who might be feeling thirsty.

And in my dream the marchers felt rather foolish and began to wonder why they had bothered to come in the first place; but of course it was all a dream.

Yours faithfully,
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Future of the RAF

From Mr Neil Datson

Sir, Keith Mans's citing of the loss of HMS *Glorious* (letter, July 4) shows his argument to be specious. The failure of Royal Navy senior officers early in World War II to appreciate the role of air power in sea warfare can be traced directly back to April 1913, when the Royal Air Force was founded.

On that day the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service were amalgamated into the RAF. From then until the formation of the Fleet Air Arm in the mid-Thirties, naval aviation was a part of the RAF. This left the Navy under-provided with air support and under-appreciative of the support she had.

Excepting strategic bombing and reconnaissance and defence against strategic bombing and reconnaissance, no independent role has been found for air power. A defence policy that does not integrate air and surface forces is fundamentally flawed, as the sinking of HMS *Glorious* showed.

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Repercussions of Brown's Budget

From Mr David G. Kleeman

Sir, The Welfare to Work proposals announced by the Chancellor (Budget reports, July 3, letters, July 4) are likely to receive widespread welcome as the Government endeavours to reduce youth unemployment.

Wealth and jobs for the longer term are largely created by our manufacturers. But the continuing appreciation of sterling will make our goods harder to sell abroad unless costs in the UK are reduced yet further. Yesterday, when the stock market prices soared following the Chancellor's speech, the biggest rises were seen amongst the banks, the utilities and property companies (report, July 4) — none of which is renowned for job creation. The biggest falls were suffered by our major manufacturers, which face worldwide competition for their merchandise.

How sad it may be to find taxpayers' money spent in the months ahead, with the very best of intentions, in efforts to increase employment — but at a time when our major manufacturers may be seeking to shed labour in the UK or investing abroad in lower-cost centres so as to make their products at more competitive prices.

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From the Principal of the Sheffield College

Sir, Gordon Brown's threat to withdraw benefit from those who do not participate in the Welfare to Work scheme is too close for comfort to exhortations to the workshy to "get on their bikes".

While the ultimate sanction must be there, initially at least, it should be kept in the background and ways found to persuade and encourage. Fear or greed are not the best motivators on which to base training programmes, nor will they engender the right attitude to secure from employers commitment to long-term jobs.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Charles Wentzel

Sir, Please could the Chancellor now relax the restrictions on the proportion of earnings that can be contributed into personal pensions. If he does

Runaways at risk

From the Chief Executive of The Children's Society

Sir, If anyone needed yet another reminder of the extreme vulnerability of young people caught up in prostitution, your report today on the jailing of the two men who murdered 16-year-old Lucy Burchell in Birmingham provided it.

Lucy is not the first young person to be murdered while working on the streets. Until prostitution is treated as a child-protection issue for people under 18, and the Home Office provides the police with the resources and the encouragement necessary to target the paedophiles and pimps who ruthlessly exploit these young people, we can expect the number to rise. Of course these murders are rare; but for every death there are countless rapes, beatings-up, abductions and other forms of violence because these young people are not adequately protected.

As well as changes in the law, we also need services to protect young

runaways who, because they are so vulnerable, are the most likely to get caught up in prostitution. Our research shows that one in seven young runaways is forced to sell sex to survive.

The Children's Society provides three of the four refuges in this country. But the statutory services have shown little interest in developing such facilities, leaving thousands of young children at the mercy of predatory adults.

It is time the Government funded a range of services across the country to ensure that children most at risk have an escape route from destitution, exploitation and violence, and also passed laws to protect young people from the violent men that Lucy, in her short life, fell victim to.

Yours etc,
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From Dr M. Q. Dalvi

Sir, A number of commentators have lamented the abolition of dividend tax relief for pension funds. No doubt, this is going to hit many pension schemes, which have benefited from this provision at the expense of the taxpayers all these years.

To my mind, Mr Brown has just done a right thing by removing one of the tax distortions existing in the British economy. The companies will, of course, have to find extra money to maintain the pension payouts to their employees or alternatively reduce the amount of their pension benefits. Those who believe in the logic of market economies should have no complaint against this measure, at least in principle.

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'Violent' Shakespeare

From Ms Janet Burgess

Sir, Derek Gale (letter, June 27) asks why the Board of Film Classification gave Baz Luhrmann's film, *William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*, which he describes as "highly erotic and violent", a 12 certificate.

He speculates that it was "because it is 'culture' and therefore unlikely to be seen by those who might make a fuss". This is nonsense.

The film has been a commercial success and has provided teachers up and down the land with an invaluable resource for the teaching of the original text.

This innovative treatment of a classic text was assessed, as are all titles, with due reference to its appeal and its likely audience.

It hardly seems the act of irresponsible elitism that Mr Gale implies to make available to a younger teenage audience an entertaining film which may encourage consideration of such sensitive and complex issues as romantic love, parental "abuse", arranged marriage or the destructive nature of partisan hatred and cyclical violence and revenge.

The BBFC attempts to classify material in an age-appropriate way. The utmost care is taken to warn parents and young people of material which may be inappropriate or potentially distressing.

Yours faithfully,
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Plea for reversal of decision on RGO

From the Deputy Director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory

Sir, The last Government separated its funding of astronomy and particle physics from the rest of science and engineering to create an additional research council (the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council). This council employs approximately 100 administrators at its headquarters.

The present Government has just agreed to close the Royal Greenwich Observatory in Cambridge (reports, July 5) on the advice of this research council with the likely loss of 100 jobs. Most of these losses will be scientists and engineers, but the council bureaucrats will remain. The Labour Government has thus completed an exercise which appears to replace front-line workers with layers of administration.

This spectacular own goal surely bodes ill for a worthwhile reform of the National Health Service or any other public body.

Yours faithfully,
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July 7.

From Dr Patrick Moore

Sir, The decision to close the Royal Greenwich Observatory is disastrous, and it is to be hoped that last-minute attempts can be made to reverse the decision.

If the RGO is destroyed, Britain will lose something which can never be restored. One of the best scientific teams in the world will be broken up (to say nothing of other considerations, such as the library); major scientists will be lost to us, and the effects will be profound. The money saved could be matched by a few of the strange "modern art" exhibitions which are so generously funded, to say nothing of the monstrosity planned for Greenwich itself.

To abandon the RGO would be an act of cultural as well as scientific vandalism.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK MOORE,
Farthinges,
West Street, Selsey, Sussex,
July 6.

BBC World Service

From Mr Frank H. Brown

Sir, Ms Amina Jilani (letter, July 1) is quite right about Third World countries relying on the World Service for news. In 1978 in Guyana we heard about the Jonestown mass suicides from the BBC before anything was reported in the local media.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK H. BROWN
(Deputy British High Commissioner,
Georgetown, 1978-80),
143 Mitchley Avenue,
Sanderstead, Surrey,
July 1.

Days to remember

From Mr Bruce Jackson

Sir, I can sympathise with Mr Eric D. Bellie (letter, July 3) when he writes about "celebratory" days. They have usually been and gone before I realise what has happened.

It was with keen interest, therefore, that I spotted in my post the other day a letter giving me notice (warning?) of National Condom Week (August 4-10). Any initial enthusiasm which might have been aroused was somewhat dampened by a request from the sponsors for me to write (from provided) with a description of any activities I might have planned. This can then be handed out "to the media and the public in July".

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE JACKSON
(Principal pharmacist),
York District Hospital,
Wigginton Road, York,
July 4.

Virtual pets

From Mrs Henrietta Howard

Sir, My husband received a reversed-charges telephone call from our 11-year-old daughter on Friday, to request him to "feed" her Tamagotchi electronic "baby" (Mrs Susan Barnard's letter, July 7) which she had forgotten to take to school.

Not only are we paying for her telephone "rescue" call, but we are also doing the babysitting. Surely this is taking parental responsibilities to new heights.

Yours faithfully,
HENRIETTA HOWARD,
Daglingworth House,
Nr Cirencester, Gloucestershire,
July 7.

From Dr Alan M. Calver

Sir, Susan Barnard should not attempt to babysit her son's Tamagotchi.

These devices require particular care and treatment which can only be administered by the local authority's refuse-disposal department.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN CALVER,
35 Badgers,
Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire,
July 7.

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NEWS

Ulster faces renewed violence

■ Scores of armour-plated police Land Rovers poured into the village of Bellaghy in Northern Ireland last night to try to prevent clashes between Orange marchers and local Roman Catholics.

Loyalists agreed to restrict their parade through the village in Co Londonderry after the rioting that accompanied the parade at Drumcree on Sunday. Nevertheless, Catholics opposed to the march gathered to vent their anger. Pages 1, 6

Two pupils die in French bus crash

■ Two British teenagers died and 25 of their companions were in hospital after a coach carrying them on a school adventure holiday fell 70ft into a ravine in the French Alps. Without warning the coach veered off the narrow winding road between the villages of Notre Dame du Pré and Longefoy. Pages 1, 3

Schools crusade

A revamped inspection service will spearhead the Government's assault on low standards in schools which was outlined in a White Paper. Pages 1, 10

Working exhibit

A lavatory, fully plumbed-in, is to be installed at the Institute for Contemporary Arts in London as a work of art. The Great Flood was created by the British artist Sarah Lucas. Page 1

Rural rumpus

A farmer and his wife grew increasingly tired of being woken at cock crow, the High Court was told. The trouble was the noise came from up to 40 cockerels on a neighbouring farm. Page 3

Dubious benefits

Most benefit cheats believe there is nothing wrong with bending the rules or are not even aware that they are breaking the rules, according to a study. Page 6

TA woman 'raped'

A woman in the Territorial Army was raped by an officer and endured three years of sexual insults, an industrial tribunal was told. Page 7

Portillo may return

Michael Portillo raised the prospect of a return to frontline politics, delighting supporters who have not given up hope that one day he could lead the Tory party. Page 8

Cheshire hears patter of tiny feet

■ Zoo-bred dormice have been released into the Cheshire countryside as part of a plan to restore the fortunes of one of Britain's best known, but least seen, native creatures. Two dozen of the tiny rodents were set free in a 25-acre wood after being kept for two weeks in cages to allow them to acclimatise. The location is being kept secret. Page 5

Sinking reputation

The romantic aura surrounding Newstead Abbey, once home to Lord Byron, threatens to be undermined — literally — by plans to extract coal. Page 9

Sex abuse claim

Four children who were sexually abused by a disturbed teenager fostered by their parents won their High Court battle to seek compensation. Page 11

Law firm closed

A law firm that sent a bill for £12,278 to the mother of one of its own solicitors who committed suicide has been closed while being investigated by the Law Society. Page 11

Windsor auction

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor's personal possessions, including love letters, hairbrushes and an array of china pug dogs, will be sold separately at auction in New York. Page 12

Lockerbie rethink

Evidence which suggests that Iran and not Libya was responsible for the 1988 bombing of the PanAm jumbo above Lockerbie is to be investigated by the Crown Office. Page 13

Mexico veers Left

Mexico swung to the Left as voters dealt the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party its worst setback after seven decades of power. Page 15



Police beat demonstrators in Nairobi's Anglican cathedral as they broke up protests yesterday calling for political reform in Kenya. Page 14

BUSINESS

Economy: Fears that the Bank of England is poised to make a half-point rate rise eased after figures showing a sharp fall in manufacturing output in May. Page 25

Woolwich: Members of the Woolwich made £2.194 on average when the building society floated. The shares closed at 334p after opening at 368p. Page 25

Tomkins: The manufacturing conglomerate Tomkins has bowed to pressure and is to use its £185 million cash pile to buy back up to £100 million of shares. Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 2.1 to close at 4810.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 104.0 to 103.3 after a fall from \$1.6875 to \$1.6846 and from DM2.9616 to DM2.9395. Page 28

SPORT

Cricket: England's last five wickets added 70 runs on the final day of the third Test at Old Trafford before Australia won the match by 268 runs to level the series at 1-1. Page 48

Cycling: Mario Cipollini of Italy won his second successive stage of the Tour de France to extend his overall lead over Chris Boardman of Britain to 36 seconds. Page 46

Golf: Justin Rose, from Hampshire, has been included in the Britain and Ireland team for the Walker Cup. At 17, he is the youngest player taking part. Page 44

Tennis: After the successes of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski at Wimbledon, Britain has two men ranked in the world's top 25 for the first time in 20 years. Page 45

ARTS

River view: An enthralling exhibition at the National Gallery sheds fresh light on Seurat's masterpiece, *Bathers at Asnières*. Page 18

High notes: Simon Rattle conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, along with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, in *Belshazzar's Feast* at Symphony Hall. Page 18

Unhappy marriage: Some of the proceedings could be funnier and some of the acting wittier, but Lindsay Posner's production of *The Provoked Wife* at the Old Vic finds a balance between the serious and the comic. Page 19

Dancing farewell: The Royal Ballet bids farewell to the Royal Opera House with a mixed bill that offers something for everyone. Page 19

LIFE

Wounded: In day two of the serialisation of the book by Norman Mailer's second wife, Adele, she tells of a crazed knife attack and the descent into madness that ended their marriage. Page 16

Budget bonus: Advisers to small businesses believe that the Budget will encourage further investment in the sector. Page 32

Sales stamped: The vet who won an export award with his orthopaedic shoes for cows. Page 32

Bottoms up: Dr Gary Slapper looks at the law governing alcohol. Page 33

Birth pangs: A barrister questions the idea of courts ordering women to give birth by Caesarean section. Page 35

Creating a true European Union implied each state being ready to entrust part of its sovereignty to a European government. The members of the EU did not make this choice at Maastricht and even at Amsterdam. The EU is today in the process of dilution, a state that enlargement will accelerate even further. — *La Libre Belgique*

Earl Cadogan, landowner; Richard Jaekel, actor. Page 23

Labour need fresh answers to Orange marches. Budget: Patrick Moore on closure of Royal Greenwich Observatory; future of the RAF. Page 21

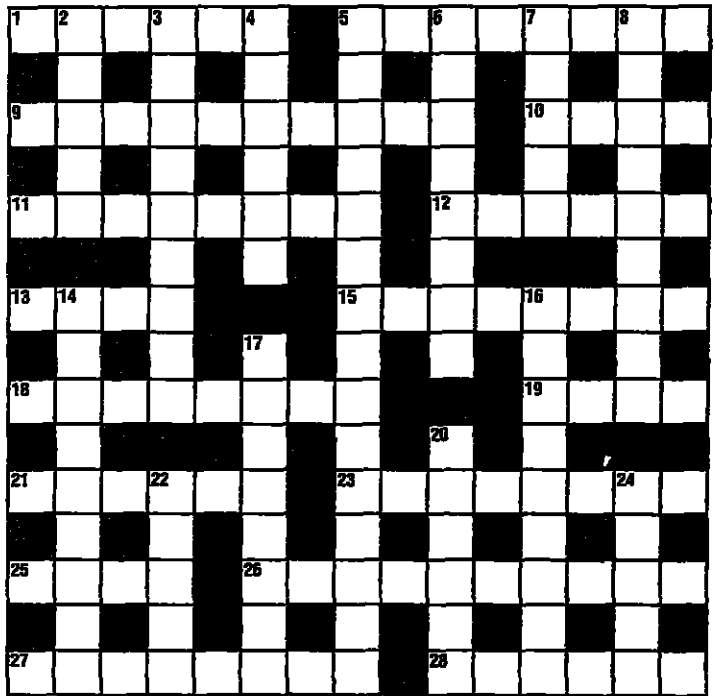


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The once-frumpy cardigan has become one of summer's essential fashion items

■ **HOMES**
Why the Ministry of Defence is open to offers on a large portfolio of properties

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- ACROSS**
- Prepare to be uncomfortable appearing for trial (4,2).
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 - Brewer, for example, has a way of speaking a line (10).
 - Capital consisting of, mainly, loose change (4).
 - Now light is dissipated, this creature may emerge (5-3).
 - Production ended by cast (6).
 - Response from the choir (4).
 - Decade of Einstein's development (8).
 - Where light control enables positive developments to occur (8).
 - Compassion no longer for a baseball player (4).
 - Man up in Argentina takes a rough mixture (6).
- DOWN**
- Thriller-writer whose creations are snuffed out? (8).
 - Nimble male spotted around river (4).
 - The heat in Berkshire, for example? (5,5).
 - Signal the start of military rising (8).
 - Spanish tender vegetable to prepare inside (6).
 - Common excuse of a learner not quite at the same place in book (5).
 - Gun taken to make marriage secure? (9).
 - Pinhole, originally, to shoot, somehow, these (6).
 - This office device can impale things, when manipulated (8-7).
 - Uninteresting detail in engraving (3,5).
 - Fish for five in well-known bars (5).
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London, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands: Very warm, a good deal of sunshine, but clouding over in afternoon with small chance of isolated shower. Light east to southeast wind. Max 27C (77F).

Cent S, SW England, W Midlands, Ch's, S Wales: Dry, very warm. Plenty of sunshine. Light SW wind. Max 25C (77F).

N Wales, NW, Cent N, NE England, Lakes, fells: Fine, very warm with broken cloud and plenty of sunshine. Light and variable wind. Max 24C (75F).

Borders, E Anglia & D's, A's, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth: Dry, hazy sunshine. Light SW wind. Max 23C (73F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Early mist and low cloud clear to leave a dry day with sunny spells with a moderate southwest wind. Max 23C (73F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, early mist and drizzle. Sunny spells later. Max 15C (59F).

Outlook: Warm and mainly sunny, but NW Scotland cloudy with light showers on Wednesday, and N Ireland will have scattered heavy showers on Thursday.

Pollers: low in N Scotland; moderate in central London; high elsewhere (forecast supplied by Potten Research Unit).

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; dsk = dusk; f = fog; g = gale; h = hail; l = light; m = mist; o = overcast; s = sun; sh = shower; t = thunder; v = very; w = wind; x = other.

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Pru takeover costs 100 ScotAm jobs

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE close-knit financial services community in Scotland faces more job losses after Prudential said it was relocating Scottish Amicable's fund management arm to London. About 100 of the Glasgow division's 125 staff will be made redundant while 17 staff are moving to Britannia Investment Managers (BIM), which is buying Scottish Amicable's £800 million worth of institutional funds.

These staff include Douglas Ferrans, chief executive of Scottish Amicable Investment Management (Saim), who will become BIM's marketing director. Scotland has been particularly badly hit by job losses in the life and general insurance industry. Last year, Scottish Widows announced it was cutting 800 jobs from its Edinburgh headquarters. Prudential officially becomes the owner of Scottish Amicable, which is based in Stirling, in September, after a three-way bid battle earlier

this year for the Scottish mutual. The formal transfer of the management of Scottish Amicable's £15 billion investments to Prudential Portfolio Managers (PPM) is due to take effect on September 30.

The transfer was announced by Prudential, which said it was "discussing work opportunities in London" with some staff. Roy Nicolson, Scottish Amicable's managing director, said: "Prudential have got offices in Scotland and it may be that some of our people would want to work there."

The jobs of those being made redundant are guaranteed to the year end. Prudential said that after a review of Scottish Amicable's investment business it had decided to manage policyholders' funds within PPM. Mr Nicolson said: "I regret Scottish Amicable's fund management operation could not be retained in Glasgow. However, it was not economic to do so and not in policyholders' interests."



James Millar's WEW yesterday forecast that its tills will ring up a loss of at least £4 million

WEW issues third warning

WEW, the struggling discount clothing retailer, yesterday put a "For Sale" sign on the business as it issued its third profit warning this year (Sarah Cunningham writes). The Glasgow-based company predicted a loss of at least £4 million for the year to the end of this month. This is double the level forecast in its last warning, in late May. WEW also revealed plans to close eight stores by the end of

August. This will lead to a £2.8 million provision on top of the pre-tax loss. WEW has asked Coopers & Lybrand Corporate Finance to assess options for the business. The company said it is considering seeking offers for it. The loss of more than £4 million for the financial year to July 31 is subject to finalisation of year-end stock provisions. The company will be able to set net profits of just

£400,000 from property disposals against the loss. It is unclear what WEW intends for its project to turn its loss-making What Everyone Wants stores into a more successful format. The Store, devised by James Millar, chairman, and Richard Boland, chief executive, who took over at the former Amber Day Holdings in 1995. The shares, 29½p last November, slid 2½p to 7p.

FirstBus agrees £7.2m bid

BY FRASER NELSON

FIRSTBUS, Britain's largest bus operator, has agreed a £7.2 million bid for the Southampton Citybus service in a deal set to yield a £17,000 windfall for the drivers, mechanics and administration staff who supported the buyout.

Citybus, bought by its employees for £400,000 four years ago, will become FirstBus' 28th subsidiary. Its three-man buyout team were restricted to the same £1,200 investment cap and will be sharing the 14-fold return.

Ian Phillips, managing director, said neither the management or the employees imagined selling out in such a short time.

The FirstBus offer has still to be approved by the employees, who own more than 99 per cent of the company. It goes through FirstBus will lift its market share to 21 per cent, with Cowie coming second at 18 per cent and Stagecoach a close third with 17½ per cent.

Citybus last returned profits of £700,000 on sales of £11.7 million. FirstBus is also offering a £1.6 million special dividend and has agreed to take on £3.9 million of debt, making the total £11.1 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Judge to take a second look at pensions case

A HIGH COURT judge who ruled last month that National Power acted lawfully in taking about £250 million from its pension fund surplus has agreed to hear a submission from pensioners' lawyers that he made an error in his judgment. Mr Justice Robert Walker had ruled that the use of a proportion of pension fund surpluses to help finance redundancies and early retirements in the privatised power companies was legal.

The industry had faced repaying more than £1 billion if National Power lost. However, the pensioners argue that there was a fundamental flaw in the decision. Their new claim could cost National Power more than £100 million.

Schroders leads deals

BRITISH merchant banks led the way in a record six months to June for mergers and acquisitions, according to *Acquisitions Monthly*, the magazine. Deals reached a record £22.3 billion, beating the previous record of £21 billion in the first half of 1996. Schroders, the independent bank, led the way, advising on 17 transactions worth £5.81 billion, pushing ING Barings, last year's leader, into second place. US banks took six out of the top 20 places.

Vodafone to cut staff

VODAFONE, the mobile phone company that is losing market share to its smaller rivals, yesterday unveiled a corporate overhaul that will eliminate 300 jobs by the end of next year. Vodafone's six service providers will be reorganised into three businesses. The changes are expected to cost the company about £20 million this year but should lead to a £10 million improvement next year and £35 million a year later. Commentary, page 27.

KLM buys Air UK

KLM, the Dutch airline group, has taken full control of Air UK, the Stansted airline. KLM has bought the 55 per cent of Air UK that it did not already own from British Air Transport Holdings for an undisclosed sum. The deal requires European Commission approval. Air UK will remain an independent airline, with no changes to its board of directors. Routes are expected to remain unchanged. Air UK operates flights to Amsterdam from 14 British airports.

Law firms chase merger

THREE law firms are fighting to link up with Edge & Ellison, a Birmingham practice. Pinsent Curtis, also based in Birmingham, has been holding discussions with Edge & Ellison. At the same time, Nigel Knowles, managing partner of Dibb Lupton Alsop, currently ranked seventh, is seeking discussions with Digby Jones, senior partner of Edge & Ellison. Hammond Suddards, the Leeds firm, is also said to be in the running.

Bos grows in Wales

BOS Automotive Products, the German-owned car parts manufacturer, is to carry out a £10 million expansion of its Wrexham plant, creating almost 100 jobs. The automotive industry in Wales already employs more than 15,000 people in 62 plants. More than half of those factories are overseas owned. Rex Davies, the Welsh Secretary, said competition for inward investment is becoming much stronger. Bos is one of 35 German companies with sites in Wales.

Cleveland acquisition

CLEVELAND TRUST, the property company, has acquired the outstanding 25 per cent of Port of Boston (1992) from John Sutcliffe & Sons, a private company controlled by James Sutcliffe, a director of Port of Boston, in return for 400,000 shares in Cleveland. Cleveland was yesterday unchanged at 107½p a share. Mr Sutcliffe has been invited to join the board of Cleveland. He has been a director of Port of Boston since 1990, when he led a management buyout.

AG Barr profits surge

SHARES in AG Barr, the Im-Bru and Tizer soft drinks maker, firmed 23p higher to 413p yesterday as the company unveiled a sharp uplift in interim pre-tax profits from £1.02 million to £3.78 million. However, current trading was only marginally ahead year-on-year. The interim dividend, payable on 8 August, is doubled to 4.0p reflecting the rise in earnings per share (from 3.82p to 13.30p) and the decision to move to a January year-end.

Colloids chief's payoff

BRIAN FISHER, former operations director of Allied Colloids, received a £250,000 golden goodbye from the chemicals group after agreeing to retire early, at 57. After cashing in share options, he took home a total of £442,000 for working the first six months of the year to March 31, against a 1995-96 pay package of £138,000. Gordon Senior, who retired as finance director, had £13,000 loss-of-office compensation and total pay of £184,000 for seven months' work.

Fake letters cheat banks out of £1.9m

BY ADAM JONES

SEVERAL high street banks have been swindled out of £1.9 million by a gang who forged company account transfer documents.

Only a recurring spelling mistake, the writing of "Yours sincerely" in the fake authorisation letters, alerted police to the scale of the fraud.

The fraudsters targeted banks across the country, transferring cash between accounts using the Clearing House Automated Payment System. They posed as customers to get a company's bank details, and then forged directors' signatures and letterheads from Companies House information. The approach worked 33 times in 131 attempts between December 1995 and May 1996.

The targeted clearing banks, including Lloyds, NatWest and Barclays, have been able to recover only about £20,000, the Serious Fraud Office said yesterday.

Five Birmingham men have admitted conspiracy and will be sentenced later this month. Another eight people are due to be sentenced for deception.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	Bank Buy	Bank Sell
Australia \$	2.37	2.19
Austria Sch	21.68	19.97
Belgium Fr	33.72	35.76
Canada \$	2.58	2.59
Cyprus Cyp£	0.909	0.839
Denmark Kr	11.76	10.57
Finland Mk	8.98	8.35
France Fr	10.36	9.28
Germany DM	3.10	2.46
Greece Dr	488	12.61
Hong Kong \$	13.81	12.61
Ireland Pt	1.19	1.07
Israel Shk	6.29	5.63
Italy Lira	2038	2081
Japan Yen	204.03	198.50
Malta	0.693	0.624
Netherlands Gld	3.484	3.159
New Zealand \$	0.63	0.41
Norway Kr	12.87	11.83
Portugal Esc	306.53	281.50
S. Africa Rd	6.36	7.29
Spain Ptas	288.29	240.50
Sweden Kr	13.77	12.57
Switzerland Fr	2.60	2.36
Turkey Lira	262925	249227
USA \$	1.798	1.646

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Bankers put gold out of fashion



COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Is nothing sacred? Over the past two years, even pure gold has been about as good an investment as one of Gerald Rafter's notorious carrying equivalents of a Marks & Spencer prawn sandwich. Yesterday, the noble metal dropped to its lowest level in real terms since America stopped converting dollars into gold at \$35 an ounce a generation ago and took the lid off the price.

Economic levellers, growth-mongers and monetary atheists will be delighted. Their long campaign to dethrone the traditional and most reliable store of value, the world has ever known is at last beginning to take off. In the cloistered and comfortable culture of western central banking, gold has become as politically incorrect as dwarf-throwing or cigarettes.

This trend has now become self-sustaining. The latest price fall stemmed from Australia's central bank revealing that it had sold 167 tonnes of its 247 tonne gold reserves over the past six months. You might think that the market's ability to absorb about £1.4 billion of official sales over a relatively short period was a sign of strength.

Depressed traders merely reasoned that if Australia, a serious gold producer, could cast aside the metal's monetary charms, more were sure to follow. The Netherlands has already done so. Switzerland has given its central bank greater freedom of

action over the fifth-largest cache of gold in the world.

If the German Government is to realise Bundesbank gold profits, albeit fooling no one that this satisfies Maastricht tests, the end may be nigh. Below about \$300 an ounce, which has been a floor for gold in the ups and downs of the past 17 years, the price would be in unknown territory.

No matter that the Germans would have had no profits to squabble about if the Bundesbank had invested the same original amounts in pounds. Over likely French protests, the euro would probably be a gold-free currency. It would be less formally solid than the Estonian kroon, which is backed by the Baltic state's impressive reserves of standing timber.

In the rich world, gold is losing its monetary role because central bankers believe they have cracked inflation. Paper money can then earn interest, gold does not. In 1979-80, when world inflation was rampant and scarcely any currency could be trusted, speculators temporarily drove gold to nearly \$700 an ounce. That bubble cost gold its reputation for stability.

Whatever damage the central bankers inflict, gold will retain

its status as a portable store of value throughout the politically and economically unstable parts of the world. Gold is beautiful as well as precious. Private jewellery demand can only accelerate with rising incomes per head in South Asia and the Orient. But turning gold round could take time. Central banks still have a lot. Only large-scale closures of marginal goldmines, especially in suffering South Africa, may turn the price tide.

High noon for ballooning shares

Greg Hutchings believes that virtually everything worth having in the stock market is overvalued — except, of course, for a certain industrial group that languishes beneath the unprepossessing name of Tomkins.

Hutchings is no ordinary investor but it is hard to quibble

with his conclusion. Share prices were looking as inflated as a hot air balloon before the Budget but, even allowing for yesterday's minor adjustment, the reaction to Gordon Brown's efforts has been to send the Footsie almost 60 points higher. The helium supply cannot last. The only question is when the participants in this version of the balloon game will start hurling stock out of the basket.

The decision to do away with the dividend tax credit should alone have been enough to take a slice off share prices since it instantly cuts the value of equities knocking 20 per cent off the yield to a major customer. In this case the pension funds, might normally be expected to bring down the price fairly dramatically.

Yesterday brought more evidence of why investors should be wary, with figures showing growth in manufacturing output skidding to a halt. Even allowing

for the adjustments that these statistics generally undergo, the gloomy tenor of their message will remain. It is that the boom in the economy is more of a fragile boomlet, certainly not enough to logically power a stock market to these heady levels.

The power of the pound is not the villain behind the manufacturing slowdown, for the domestic market has suffered in line with exports. The imminent rise in interest rates, albeit now more likely to be just a quarter point instead of a half, will hardly enhance the outlook for industry.

While much of the recent excitement in the market has been more about betting on the banks than seriously backing corporate Britain, strip out the takeover hopes and many financial stocks look as overpriced as their manufacturing clients.

gravity-defying performance come to an end? It cannot be long, can it, before reality dawns and prices adjust to a more sensible reflection of underlying values? That was what Tony Dye thought when he took his PDMF funds out of the market last year. His subsequent discomfort has hardly encouraged his competitors to follow his line.

What a difference a brand makes

The mobile phone companies have turned to the fashion world for a lesson in basic business. The most successful fashion houses — Versace, Gucci and Armani, among them — invest extraordinary amounts of money into their image. Branding is important because it helps to set them apart in an industry that sells broadly similar products. In practical terms, it allows them to promote themselves without the need to reduce prices.

The Hong Kong owners of the Rabbit, the mobile-phone company that disappeared down a hole in the early 1990s, decided to make branding the centrepiece of their return to the market with

Orange. In the three years since it began trading, Orange has developed a powerful brand, one that has captured the imagination of what was once called the Yuppier market. Its digital service is no better or worse than its rivals', but the name is more familiar than Cellnet and Vodafone, which have no image to speak of. Orange is so pleased with its brand that it plans to export it to Continental Europe. In the UK, Orange has captured a phenomenal 40 per cent of all new digital connections in a market whose growth is slowing.

Vodafone is now getting into the game. All of its businesses, including 300 high street retail outlets, will trade under the Vodafone name and more than £35 million has been set aside for advertising and sponsorship efforts. Will it work? Perhaps, but Vodafone has a lot of catching up to do.

Not wanted

AT least the chaps at WEW had the good sense to opt for initials instead of continuing to claim that their downmarket shops were What Everyone Wants. Yesterday's latest warning, this time of a £4 million loss, spells out that this is the business almost no one wants. Unless, perhaps, the colourful couple who used to run it still harbour an emotional attachment. Might Gerald and Vera Weisfeld be preparing to come to the rescue?

Chrysler wants to buy Mini and Metro from BMW

By OLIVER AUGUST

CHRYSLER, the US car group, is trying to buy Rover's small cars division, including the Mini and Metro, from BMW, the German owner since 1994. Executives from Chrysler have inspected Rover production facilities with the consent of Rover. Chrysler technicians are working on plans to integrate Rover models into the Chrysler product range, according to Chrysler insiders.

A Rover spokesman con-

firmed Chrysler's interest but said the advances were not welcomed. A Chrysler spokesman said: "At this moment there are no discussions in this respect."

John Lawson, motor analyst at Salomon Brothers, said: "The deal would not be a bad idea. The two companies are clearly working together. The thought has to be that Rover wants to reduce costs by trimming the areas that lose mon-

ey." The sale of the division to Chrysler could result in hundreds of job losses in the UK. Rover currently employs more than 30,000 workers in the production of small cars, luxury cars and off-road vehicles.

Recent discussions between the two groups have been led by Bernd Pischetsrieder, the BMW chairman, and Bob Eaton, the Chrysler chairman. Detailed negotiations about co-operation have been held between Wolfgang Reitzle, of Rover, and Bob Lutz, of Chrysler. Mr Lutz knows Mr Reitzle from his previous employment at BMW.

The two groups agreed a \$500 million joint venture in South America last year. Analysts said the integration of Rover's small cars into Chrysler would be helped by existing co-operation agreements. Chrysler's only European plant is in Austria, set up with substantial subsidies from the Austrian Government. Rover's new Midlands plant would also have been in Austria if the British Government had not given Rover £50 million inward investment aid last November.

Ethical flotation sinks under investor apathy

ETHICAL HOLDINGS, the Nasdaq-listed drug delivery company, has abandoned plans to raise £20 million through a London stock market flotation, because of a lack of investor interest (Paul Dawson writes).

The Cambridge-based company will now shelve its £14 million acquisition of Clomel, an Irish pharmaceutical

group. It has appointed Lehman Brothers to find other ways of realising shareholder value — which could lead to the sale of Ethical to a trade buyer. Ethical's problems follow the recent postponement of the flotation of Akhter, a computer networks company. Preparing for the flotation cost Ethical more than £1 million.



Leading a horse to water: Christo Philipson, left, chairman of the British Bloodstock Agency, and Colin Bothway, managing director, reported a near doubling in profits to £302,000 in the year to March 31. The total dividend is 2p, up from 1.5p, out of earnings of 5.8p a share (1.9p). Mr Philipson predicted "gradual strengthening of confidence"

FKI makes agreed bid for Bridon

By ADAM JONES

FKI, the engineering group that failed in its attempt to buy Newman Tunks earlier this year, is making a £131 million agreed bid for Bridon, the wire and rope maker.

The deal prices Bridon shares at 175p, a 65 per cent premium to the price prior to the announcement last month that the pair were in talks. It is expected to be earnings-en-

hancing in the first full year of ownership. FKI said about £300 million of Bridon's £362 million turnover last year was from activities that fitted closely with its own.

Bob Beeston, FKI chief executive, said the company expected to achieve substantial pricing benefits and discounts. The deal will also give FKI greater access to some European countries such as Italy and Germany, as well as more

distant markets such as New Zealand.

Bridon employs 3,500 and made a pre-tax profit of £7.3 million last year. FKI announced yesterday that it has bought 22.33 million shares, equivalent to 29.9 per cent of issued ordinary share capital.

Gearing at FKI will rise to 114 per cent as it takes on £40 million of debt.

FKI said the chairman and non-executive directors would

stand down on completion and possible future roles for the four executive directors will be discussed.

Bill Hobbs, Bridon chief operating officer, bought 100,000 shares at 99p on May 29 and James Newman, finance director, bought 8,000.

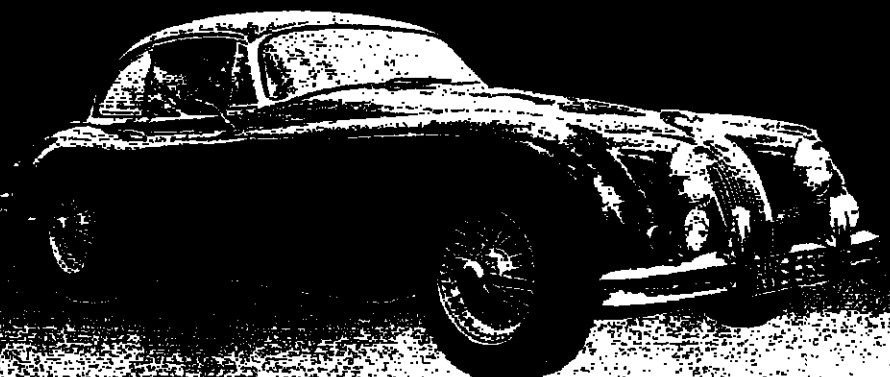
Shares in FKI fell from 160½p to 157½p. Bridon rose from 137½p to 171½p.

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CHANGING TIMES

Budgens targets forecourt

BUDGENS, the supermarkets and convenience store group, is to introduce its petrol station format next year, opening up to 45 branches on Q8 forecourts (Sarah Cunningham writes).

From January, one new store of between 1,000 and 2,000 sq ft will be opened each week, mainly in the Budgens' heartland, in the South East of England. Further openings are planned for 1999.

Budgens has six co-branded stores on Kuwait Petroleum forecourts and five on BP sites. The company opened seven high street stores last year and plans a further ten this year and to refurbish 14 others.

Budgens reported a 19.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £9.1 million in the year to April 27. Earnings per share were 4.3p (3.7p). A final dividend of 1p will be paid on October 3, making a total of 1.4p (1.25p). Capital expenditure this year will be £18 million-£20 million.

Big rise for directors as Just's profits slip

THREE directors of Just Group, an AIM-listed cartoon licensing company, awarded themselves an average 98 per cent pay rise last year in spite of leading the company through a 32 per cent decline in profits (Fraser Nelson writes).

Will Shorrocks, Paula Hayes and Paul Rivers, the three executive directors who already own a holding worth £1.24 million, took home a total of £247,000 for 1996.

The company, which handles licensing for Mr Cadbury's Parrot and Bassett's

Slough cuts £49m award to £29.75m

SLOUGH ESTATES has agreed to a reduction in its £49 million damages award against Welwyn Hatfield District Council in order to avoid a controversial sale of council housing to finance the damages bill (Carl Mortished writes).

The property developer is accepting an offer of £29.75 million following a High Court judgment that the council was guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation in inducing the property company to build its Howard Centre in Welwyn Garden City when it was permitting a competing retail development, the Galleria Shopping Centre in Hatfield.

The council was considering a sale of a portion of its 11,200 council homes to finance a settlement, but such a route would have required a majority vote from three quarters of the tenants whose properties were involved.



Midland Interest Rates for Business Customers

New business rates effective from 8 July 1997

	Gross %	Gross CAR %
Money Master		
Up to £5,000	2.97	3.00
£5,000+	3.27	3.30
£25,000+	3.56	3.60
£100,000+	3.66	3.70
£250,000+	3.85	3.90
Premium Business Account		
£5,000+	4.32	4.40
£25,000+	4.80	4.90
£100,000+	5.04	5.15
£250,000+	5.23	5.35
Clients Premium Deposit Account		
£25,000+	4.21	4.25
£100,000+	4.65	4.70
Education Account		
Up to £25,000	4.13	4.20
£25,000+	4.61	4.70
Treasurer Account		
Up to £2,000	1.00	1.00
£2,000+	1.74	1.75
£10,000+	3.69	3.75

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Sweet taste of Cadbury attracts US investors

AMERICAN buyers have acquired a taste for shares of Cadbury Schweppes. The confectionery and soft drinks group touched 571½p before settling 17p higher at 563½p.

US buyers have been piling into the London market, encouraged by a strong pound. Cadbury has been one of their prime targets and they have succeeded in leaving market-makers short of stock.

One rumour doing the rounds suggests a bid from Unilever, which is sitting on war chest of more than £4 billion since selling its speciality chemicals business to ICI.

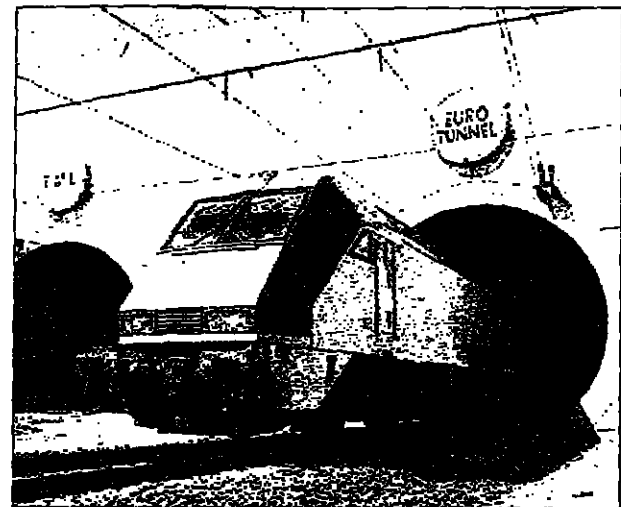
Share prices generally clawed back early losses to end the session virtually unchanged on the day. Any worries about a further rise in interest rates later this week were shrugged aside as the market responded positively to an opening rise on Wall Street. The FTSE 100 index, down 36.4 at one stage, eventually closed to close just 2.1 off at 4,810.7. The FTSE 250 fell 26.1 to 4,426.9.

Shareholders in the Woolwich were last night celebrating a minimum windfall of more than £1,500 after it made its debut as a public company. The shares started life at 367½p — much higher than initial estimates of 320p. After touching 373½p, the price settled at 334½p, a fall on the day of 33½p as 24.6 million shares changed hands. But as the first of four auctions got under way last night, institutional investors were revising their bids sharply higher. The Woolwich becomes a constituent of the top 100 companies in September.

GEC retreated 2½p to 377½p ahead of full-year figures later today that are expected to be accompanied by details of a sizeable acquisition. British Aerospace, which is seen as a potential merger partner, was 32½p dearer at £13.45.

Bridon surged 3½p to 171½p on confirmation of the agreed bid from FKI, which already owns almost 30 per cent of the equity. The terms of 175p a share value the wire rope-maker at £131 million. FKI finished 3p lower at 157½p.

The continuing weakness of the German and French construction markets has prompted HSBC James Capel, the broker, to cut its profits down for Redland, down 15½p to 301p. For the current year it has cut its forecast from £255



Eurotunnel shares stood out with a rise of 6½p to 81½p

million to £235 million, and for next year by £25 million to £265 million.

The move by Tomkins to spend £100 million buying back its own shares during the next three months was well received and the price rallied 14½p to 278½p, compared with a 25p fall for the year. The group announced a 34 per cent leap in pre-tax profits.

Eurotunnel stood out with a

rise of 6½p to 81½p ahead of next year by £25 million to £265 million. It now seems likely that the group will get the go ahead from shareholders to proceed with its debt restructuring plans.

Shares of Colleague Group raced up 11p to 80p before it confirmed that it was in talks which could lead to a bid for the company. But any offer is likely to fall below the

115p the shares were floated at back in 1995.

The strength of sterling appears to be making life difficult for Eurotunnel International which saw its shares fall a further 2½p to a three-year low of 320p. Powell Duffryn is another casualty of the strong pound with the shares losing 16½p at 420p. Low & Bonar also dropped 19p to 262½p with the pound costing it £3 million last year as profits dropped from £26.2 million to £21.5 million.

Wickes, the troubled DIY retailer, rose 4p to 173½p. It was responding to the news that the group has returned to the black in this country and enjoyed a modest improvement in margins.

Its third profit warning since April, left WEG Group 2½p lower at a low of 7p. The retailer now expects to make a trading loss of £4 million for the year to July 31.

AIM-listed Barbican Healthcare rose from a low of 25p to end the day 5p higher at 30p. Stuart Bruck, chief executive, has bought 29,000 shares for 22p taking his total holding to 54,000 shares (less than 1 per cent).

Elsewhere on the AIM, Bakery Services established a useful premium in first time dealings. Placed at 3p by Ellis & Partners, the broker, the price ended the session at 3½p.

□ **GILTED-EDGED:** The London bond market was outperformed by most of it European rivals as prices spent much of the session trading water after last week's volatility. All eyes are now focused on this week's meeting of the Bank of England's independent monetary policy committee which may signal another rise in interest rates. The bank was able to supply the remainder of last week's tap Index-linked 2½ per cent 2011.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt rose £16 to £114½p as 56,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was unchanged at £110½p, while among shorter-dated issues Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was down a tick at 102½p.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares extended their gains on Monday, with momentum from last week's powerful rally carrying the Dow Jones industrial average closer to 8,000. At midday it was 25.56 points up at 7,921.57.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7921.57 (+25.56)
S&P Composite	919.74 (+2.82)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19705.17 (+262.83)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	14858.58 (+35.61)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	918.85 (+1.60)
Sydney:	
DAX	2713.00 (+23.49)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3972.84 (+30.31)
Singapore:	
Strait Times	1997.99 (+12.05)
Brussels:	
General	1410.60 (+132.27)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2947.66 (+13.18)
Zurich:	
SEA Gen	1097.30 (+13.38)
London:	
FT 100	4810.7 (+2.1)
FTSE 250	4426.9 (-26.1)
FTSE 100	2308.0 (-3.3)
FTSE 100 Share	2637.25 (+18.84)
FTSE 100 Dividend	2257.41 (+1.98)
FTSE Non Financials	2299.62 (-3.64)
FTSE Financials	1247.55 (+0.57)
FTSE Govt Secs	97.28 (+0.01)
SEAO Volume	763.39
US\$	1.0840 (+0.0029)
German Mark	2.9399 (+0.0221)
Exchange Index	103.1 (+2.7)
Bank of England official rate (4pm)	1.4945
ECU	1.9366
1997 May (C&A) Jan 1997-100	100.00
1997 May (C&A) Jan 1997-100	100.00

RECENT ISSUES	
AIT	150p
Ashtenne	126p
Bakery Services (3)	3p
European Mining	24p
Grosmont Hldgs	1p
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Highland Timber	124p
Norwich Union (200)	326p
Powdermill Pharms	202p
Prismlight	140p
Reboume Merit	110p
Royalblue Group	210p
SBS Group	112p
SGS Group	156p
Woolwich	334p

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Benchmark Gp n/p	15p
Century Inns n/p (155)	2p
Dragon Oil n/p (2)	1p
Mackie Int n/p (20)	9p
Marylebone Wreck n/p	1p
Milwall Hldgs n/p (1)	1p
Waterfall Hldgs n/p	5p

MAJOR CHANGES	
RISES:	
Pacer Intotech	99p (+9.9p)
Deimos Gp	485p (+20p)
Head Time	25p (+9p)
SCD Int	251p (+19.9p)
Cadbury Schweppes	571p (+17p)
Prism Rail	345p (+10p)
Ryl Ryk Scot	622p (+17p)
Carpetright	520p (+13.1p)
ICI	823p (+20p)
FALLS:	
Sentry Farm	102p (-10p)
Low & Bonar	262p (-19p)
Corinthian	320p (-20p)
Corinthian	175p (-11p)
Vickers	182p (-10p)
REXAM	230p (-10p)
Redland	301p (-15p)
Bowthorpe	310p (-12p)
Jarvis	276p (-9p)
Molins	499p (-16p)
Sentry Farm	370p (-21p)
De La Rue	370p (-21p)
Shednig	480p (-12p)

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Turn up for Tomkins books

TOMKINS proudly declared that its bid for Stant Corp, the US windscreen wiper company, "totally vindicated" its decision to hoard cash. But only three months later, the company has turned on its heel with plans for a buyback of shares. The £100 million it may spend over the next three months will have less of an impact than the U-turn itself. Yesterday Tomkins's shares rose 4½p to 278½p, adding £170 million to its market capitalisation.

The City likes the U-turn but Greg Hutchings's conversion to orthodoxy in the management of the balance sheet is less than wholehearted. The Tomkins chairman cites the high price of acquisition targets in the continuing bull market as the reason for change, but this is not a new phenomenon. The Tomkins cash pile — it still has £185

million in the bank having just spent £372 million on Stant — will act as a drag on earnings. Still, one suspects Mr Hutchings is right to predict that concern about gearing, now deeply unfashionable, will return with a vengeance during the next downturn.

Gearing up the balance sheet will improve Tomkins's standing in the City but the question is whether it goes far enough. The group's operational performance remains robust thanks to a first-time contribution from Gates. Meanwhile, signs that Tomkins will sell off fringe businesses make sense. On most measures, the shares look good value.

But Tomkins has never convinced investors that baking bread and moving lawnmowers, guns and cars parts require the same skills. As a consequence, share buybacks may not spark the long overdue re-rating.

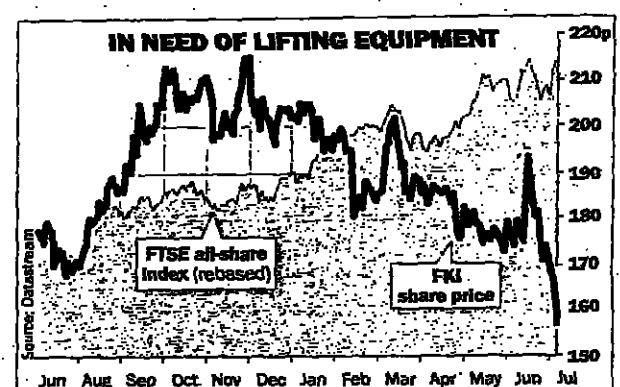
FKI/Bridon

WIRE rope is not a product at the cutting edge of technology, so it is hardly surprising that Bridon earns a mere 3 per cent return on sales from its rope operations. Yet FKI is proposing to pay 18 times forecast earnings for the company, news that sent the FKI price tumbling again.

The market did not want to hear about this takeover; FKI is out of favour, in part because it is a cyclical engineering stock with dollar earnings. The combined effect of a strong pound and market prejudice has relegated FKI to the also-rans, but there are more particular concerns about this company from fund managers who have taken against acquisitive engineering companies. Organic growth is the fashion. Unfortunately, FKI failed

to see its material handling business grow last year: profits were up but revenues were flat. A great part of the logic of the Bridon deal is that Bridon's distribution business, which has outlets in Europe that FKI covets but more importantly, Certex only sources £6 million from FKI but could sell over £20 million of FKI equipment.

FKI will probably do its usual trick with Bridon, raising its pitiful margins with price increases at the expense of sales. Profits will increase, aided by a one-off boost from cutting out a head office, but this is not the growth story the market wants to hear and the shares will react accordingly.



Low & Bonar

IT LOOKS almost tempting. After yesterday's 7 per cent share price plunge, Low & Bonar stock is now at its lowest level for six years. It has taken a damaging currency hit, but L&B is still a solid business and ill deserves to sit at a 50 per cent discount to the market — even as it heads towards its worst profit decline for more than a decade.

The shares are cheap, but the problem is they are going to stay cheap for some time to come. It is beset by two problems: the strength of sterling and the overcapacity of its core UK market. Both factors are eating away at its margins, and although the company does have a good chance of increasing its sales figures, the gain in the top line will be wiped out by the lack of profitability.

Secondly, its sacred Kellogg contract — worth £30 million a year — is up for

review. The company is confident of success, but the wait sounds another note of uncertainty and creates another reason not to buy the shares.

The shares are now on a forward earnings multiple of 8 times. This may seem unfair, but Low & Bonar is being punished for shocking an already jittery market. On a fundamental value alone, they are too cheap to sell but shareholders should wait until the pound begins to lose some of its teeth before piling back in.

Newcastle Utd

ANYONE worried about the issue of control at Newcastle United cannot have been made any happier by the news that Mark Cribbidge, the joint chief executive, is to resign from the Premiership club, which only floated in March.

After all, the former corporate financier at NatWest Markets was brought in to bring management stability

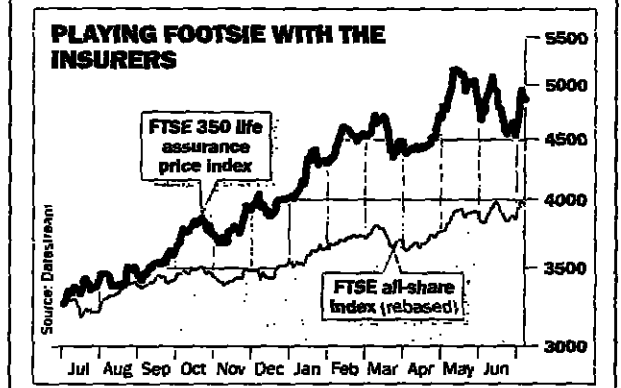
to a company that was seen as the plaything of Sir John Hall.

What has brought the issue to the boil has been the building of a new stadium at Castle Leazes. This is as unpopular among non-Toon fans in Newcastle as it is expensive — costing in the region of £70 million, which is easily twice what most experts in stadium building think is reasonable.

Mr Cribbidge was working on all sorts of clever financing structures that could avoid Newcastle having a rights issue to fund the stadium. But every move found him coming up against Sir John Hall, who may no longer be on the board but exerts his influence via the family's 57 per cent shareholding and his son's Douglas's non-executive directorship.

Until Sir John is willing to relinquish this control, Newcastle United shares will remain without friends.

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THE life assurance companies were hard hit by profit-taking after their recent strong gains. There were losses for Norwich Union, the newcomer, 6p off at 326p, on turnover of 13 million shares, along with Prudential Corporation, 1p to 623p, London & Manchester, 10p to 419p, Britannic 8½p to 836p, Legal & General, 3p to 436p and United Assurance, 1p to 446½p.

This has led to suggestions that the sector may have seen the best of the gains for the time being. But David Hudson, at

Credit Lyonnais Laing, disagrees. "It's going to be good for at least the next few months. On fundamentals the sector is not good value for money. The institutions have not got stock and they want it."

The proposed merger between Sun Life and Equity & Law will create another FTSE 100 stock, along with the Norwich Union, and on top of Legal & General and Prudential.

"The institutions just cannot get their weightings up. There is too much demand chasing too little stock," added Mr Hudson.

COMMODITIES

ICE-180 (London 3,000p)		
CRUDE OILS \$/barrel FOB		
Brent	18 1/2	18 1/2
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WTI	18 1/2	18 1/2
WTI 1st day (snp)	18 1/2	18 1/2
WTI Intermediate (snp)	18 1/2	18 1/2
WTI West Intermediate (snp)	18 1/2	18 1/2
PRODUCTS \$/MT		
Spot CIF NW Europe (grossp delivery)		
	Bbl	Offcr
Petroleum Urtd	194 cts	112 cts
Gasoil Ec2	173 cts	100 cts
Gasoil Ec3	82 cts	64 cts
Naphtha	173 cts	174 cts
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Mirror chief reflects on image of growth

Eric Reguly finds David Montgomery thwarted by a lack of options for his publishing group

He is desperate to get into cable-television programming. He is dabbling in the TV market. He is buying regional newspapers and is open to the idea of selling national ones and even starting new ones. He has considered a merger with rival media groups. Is there any bit of the industry that does not appeal to David Montgomery?

The chief executive of the Mirror Group has been sending out confusing signals at a furious pace. A month ago, he made it known that he wanted to become a key player in the cable programming market. A few weeks later, he launched a £297 million bid for Midland Independent Newspapers.

Meanwhile, speculation has been mounting that he might sell the Mirror's interest in Scottish Media, the ITV and newspaper group, or its stake in the Independent and its Sunday sister, possibly to the reclusive Barclay brothers. At the same time, he and Michael Bloomberg, the hard-driving owner of the Bloomberg financial information empire, are thought to be considering an assault on the mighty Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times with a financial paper of their own.

The City does not know what to make of

Montgomery any more. Depending on who you talk to, he is either bored, power-crazy, desperate or a combination of all three. The reality is somewhat less tantalising. What is true is that Montgomery, having restored the Mirror Group to sound health, is trying to find a way to underwrite its next stage of growth.

Montgomery is aware that he needs more deals. Christian Purslow, a media banker at Salomon Brothers, said: "There is really nowhere to go with the Mirror. He is experimenting along the edges and he needs one of those experiments to turn into something big."

But Mirror Group is relatively small — its market capitalisation is about £800 million, or half the value of the Daily Mail and General Trust — and it is largely a one-business, one-market operation. Montgomery, an Ulsterman who had been editor of the News of the World, arrived at the Mirror Group a few months after the death, in late 1991, of Robert Maxwell, who

drained the Mirror Group and its pension fund of hundreds of millions of pounds. At the time, the shares had dipped below 60p.

Montgomery swung into action. The company was refinanced and its pensions made secure. It moved into new headquarters and survived the newspaper price war. The revitalised group picked up a 20 per cent stake in Scottish Television, now Scottish Media, bought 46 per cent of The Independent and launched Live TV.

Montgomery implemented his "collegiate" approach to newspaper production in which back-office, buying and printing functions were combined. Staff at The Independent have felt the brunt of this, finding that multitasking means one person doing the job of four as circulation remains in the doldrums. Mirror Group's profits and share price soared and Montgomery earned the respect of the City. Last year, the shares reached 240p, a four-fold rise under his reign, though they have since underperformed the mar-

Quest for way to pay for retirement

John Grieve Smith looks at the challenges of pension reform

The appointment of Frank Field to mastermind the Government's review of welfare provisions promises major new initiatives on pensions or putting them in the hands of a non-political corporation. In money purchase schemes, a contributor knows what he has invested, but not what it will bring in.

Two popular, but misleading, arguments for relying on the private sector are that such schemes are "funded", rather than "pay-as-you-go", and that they will ease budgetary pressures. For the economy as a whole, funding is an illusion: at that level, all pensions are pay-as-you-go, in that pensioners' consumption comes out of current output at the expense of other users, in particular the consumption of those still at work. No previous accumulation of assets by the State or pension funds can evade this. However, by making people willing to set aside more of their current income to secure their own future pension, new pension arrangements can free more resources for today's pensioners.

As for the effect of privatising pensions on the PSBR, it would be, for many years, to increase it, not reduce it. The State would have to continue to meet existing entitlements under Serps, but people's second pension contributions would be diverted to private schemes.

We urgently need to devise better pension arrangements, but the cost of doing so depends on the strength of demand for labour and the level of unemployment.

Although people are living longer, they are also staying fitter and would like to work for longer, if the jobs were available. The "demographic time bomb" is partly the disguised cost of heavier unemployment, which led to an increase in the proportion of men aged 50 to 64 classified as "economically inactive" from 7 per cent to 24 per cent between 1971 and 1991. If demand for labour were stronger, there would be far less early retirement, and many more people would work (either full- or part-time) well after present conventional retiring ages.

John Grieve Smith is the author of Full Employment: A Pledge Betrayed (Macmillan).

Pain of change in tax credit rule

From Mr W. M. White

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky is too glib in suggesting that the abolition of tax credits for pension funds ought not to affect business costs. "Brown boxes clever but pearls lie ahead", July 4. He may be right in the short term, but the method used by actuaries does not accurately reflect returns, but, in the real world, that is the way they are currently valued.

Consequently, a reduction in yield of 16.7 per cent (not 20 per cent) will result in an immediate reduction in funding levels of final salary schemes and an increase in cost for many employers. It will also mean that those in money purchase schemes have an additional uncertainty of whether, in the long run, returns will provide adequate retirement benefits.

It remains to be seen whether the market adjusts to compensate for this loss of income.

Gordon Brown's action may lead to fundamental changes in the long term, but the long term is made up of shorter-term adjustments, some of which may be very painful.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. WHITE,
10 Kilberry Close,
Isleworth, Middlesex.

Prn pays for Stratton

From Group Chief Executive, Prudential Corporation

Sir, Your report (June 30) of Cay Stratton's involvement in the Welfare to Work programme misunderstands her role.

Cay Stratton has been appointed by me to the Task Force which I head, and she will not be paid from public funds. This is not a Government appointment. My company is happy to provide this support to Welfare to Work as part of its commitment to helping young people in this country. As the appointment has only just been made, it will be apparent that Cay Stratton has not been involved in "the final stages of drafting the jobs programme".

I am certain, however, that with her wide and invaluable experience she will make a great contribution to the work of the Task Force.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAVIS,
Group Chief Executive,
The Prudential Corporation,
142 Holborn Bars, ECL.

Could the carpetbaggers' luck get carpetbagged?

Caroline Merrell says if demutualisation continues, investors could face cash calls to fund windfalls



Julie Snowden received more than £4,000 in Woolwich shares yesterday

The year of the carpet-bagger is what 1997 will be remembered for. A saver with an average amount in the Halifax, Norwich Union, Alliance & Leicester and Woolwich could now have cash or shares worth in total £8,000. If this is added to the £1,400 expected windfall from the Northern Rock, due to float later on this year, then the most fortuitous of carpetbaggers would now be looking at a total gain of nearly £10,000 — more than the average family's savings.

The total amount of money in the form of cash and shares that has been released into the economy so far from the floatations is about £29 billion — approximately a quarter of which has been converted into cash. A large part of this money will have gone to carpetbaggers — those who have opened accounts or taken out policies only in anticipation of receiving a windfall.

Julie Snowden, a mother of two from Suffolk, has benefited from the floatations of the Halifax, Woolwich, and Norwich Union. She is also hoping for shares in the flotation of the Northern Rock. Her total windfall could be worth more than £12,000. She said: "We are planning to buy a computer, we have already bought a stereo system. We are also considering taking a family holiday, and are hoping to improve our garden with the addition of some trees." She also spent some of the money on her daughter Florence's christening party. She is not, however, planning to spend all her windfall money. She said: "We are going to save some." She is also going to increase her subscription to Oxfam. On the Woolwich flotation alone she made £4,000 in the form of shares she intends to keep.

The question for those who have not been lucky enough or clever enough to benefit from a windfall, is where they should put their money now. The millions who have already reaped rewards from the four floatations may also be considering where they can now switch their cash.

Among the building societies, most tipped to be taken over or float is the Nationwide, now the UK's biggest society.

financially strong organisation and does not have to demutualise. However, Jim Strutton, chief executive of UK operations, does not rule out demutualisation at some time in the future.

Scots Widows is the second biggest mutual with £24 billion under management. It too is in a financially strong position, and does not necessarily have to demutualise. However, some believe it could be a takeover target.

Life insurance companies most tipped to be taken over include Friends Provident, NPI and National Mutual. NPI in particular has become the focus of much bid speculation. It has about 500,000 policyholders and £9 billion assets. One of the companies most hotly tipped to take over NPI is AMP, the Australian insurer, that already owns London Life and Pearl in this country. AMP yesterday denied that any announcement concerning its plans were imminent. It said it had made no secret of the fact that it was keen to make another purchase in this country.

National Mutual, another small company with 400,000 pension policyholders, is also deemed to be a possible takeover target. National Mutual has about £3 billion of assets.

BAT, which owns Allied Dunbar and Eagle Star, has also indicated that it is interested in making another purchase, and has been mentioned as a potential purchaser of National Mutual. However, carpetbaggers in this mutual organisation would have to take out a pensions policy.

Friends Provident, with assets of £13 billion, and two million policyholders, has also been tipped as a takeover target. Friends Provident could be deemed to be vulnerable because its market share has fallen over recent years. It may be too small to float, but could fall to a predator. Other predators could include the newly floated Halifax and the Abbey National. But if the Halifax bids, it might need to raise cash from its shareholders. In other words the carpetbaggers could end up paying for other carpetbaggers' windfalls.

Inside track

TWO weeks since the surprise resignation of Bill Cockburn, chief executive of WH Smith, and yesterday the four non-executives and Jeremy Hardie, the chairman, met to discuss progress. WH Smith has appointed Spencer Stuart, the headhunters, to look elsewhere. Two factors suggest that they might miss out on their fee.

One is the shortage of retail heavy-hitters on the loose — once you have ruled out Liam Strong, ex-Stars, hah, hah. The other: "We've just had a huge strategic review and got the portfolio sorted out, and we have a new managing director to run the main chain," says one insider.

"There's a lot to be said for someone who doesn't have to come in and say,



let's have a strategic review." If it is an internal appointment, the favourite is Keith Hamill, finance director, ex-Porte, ex-Guinness. Richard Handover, head of news distribution, is probably too old. John Hancock, boss in the US, has been there for years and probably doesn't want to come back. Fast coming up on the rails is Alan Giles, highly ambitious managing director of the excellent Waterstone's chain and not someone, I hear, who always agreed with Cockburn. Perhaps a little too flash, though, for the City?

● TRY GROUP, an obscure contractor, cashed in on Wimbledon with a bullish trading statement and a reference to the new No 1 court which the company built. I like to think that I, too, contributed to this engineering wonder. The company used to give out my home, half a mile away, as the site phone number despite attempts to persuade them otherwise. For years I received incomprehensible messages on the answering machine. So if Brian is reading this, the fuel pump gauge is at the Fulham office, and your AFP hasn't arrived. Or something like that.

● So far so good

REMEMBER those dire warnings that Labour would spell an end to takeovers? If current trends continue, 1997 could be another record year for City fees, eclipsing even the £1.1 bil-

lion paid to bankers, brokers, lawyers, accountants and PR men last year. So claims Acquisitions Monthly, whose latest snapshot of mergers and acquisitions shows continued progress by non-UK owned houses but the pre-eminence of one of the few remaining Brits, Schroders.

Scroders topped the league with transactions in the first half of this year worth £5.8 billion — just ahead of Baring Brothers, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and NatWest Markets, as you might have guessed, had a rotten time. Total fees earned by the City reached £600 million, and another £2 billion transaction, Amersham and Nycomed of Norway, has been sprung since the end of the half year. Oh Lord, how the money rolls in.

● Bishop's move

UPHEAVALS at Gartmore with the apparent eclipse of Michael Bishop,

Chase is on

IF A horde of a couple of hundred City types come charging towards you in Battersea Park tomorrow evening, step aside sharply. There are another 9,800 behind them. The Chase Corporate Challenge is the biggest event of its kind and now into its 11th year.

More than 500 companies are taking part in the three and a half mile race, including a scattering of chairmen. Among the oldest must be Sir John Craven, no longer chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell but heading the firm's 500-strong team at the age of 57, and Colin Parsons. The whipper-in chairman of Taylor Woodrow is an experienced runner. He is 63.

MARTIN WALLER



Craven: heading the field for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell



My first husband had his faults but at least he had a Woolwich account

ALL CLEAR NOW?

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paralegal n. 1 one who provides advice at great height (usu. 20,000 feet) 2 wordy legal document with many indented lines 3 a person trained in subsidiary legal matters.

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Equities cut early losses

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
Heineken	12.10	+0.05	4.5	18.5
Carlsberg	11.80	+0.02	4.2	17.8
Asahi	11.50	+0.01	4.0	17.2
Daewoo	11.20	+0.03	3.8	16.5
San Miguel	10.90	+0.01	3.5	16.0
Yokohama	10.60	+0.02	3.2	15.5
Asahi	10.30	+0.01	3.0	15.0
Daewoo	10.00	+0.02	2.8	14.5
San Miguel	9.70	+0.01	2.5	14.0
Yokohama	9.40	+0.02	2.2	13.5

BANKS

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
HSBC	12.50	+0.05	4.5	18.5
Barclays	12.20	+0.02	4.2	17.8
Deutsche	11.90	+0.01	4.0	17.2
Wells Fargo	11.60	+0.03	3.8	16.5
Citigroup	11.30	+0.01	3.5	16.0
JP Morgan	11.00	+0.02	3.2	15.5
Bank of America	10.70	+0.01	3.0	15.0
Goldman Sachs	10.40	+0.02	2.8	14.5
Morgan Stanley	10.10	+0.01	2.5	14.0
First Union	9.80	+0.02	2.2	13.5

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
Heineken	12.10	+0.05	4.5	18.5
Carlsberg	11.80	+0.02	4.2	17.8
Asahi	11.50	+0.01	4.0	17.2
Daewoo	11.20	+0.03	3.8	16.5
San Miguel	10.90	+0.01	3.5	16.0
Yokohama	10.60	+0.02	3.2	15.5
Asahi	10.30	+0.01	3.0	15.0
Daewoo	10.00	+0.02	2.8	14.5
San Miguel	9.70	+0.01	2.5	14.0
Yokohama	9.40	+0.02	2.2	13.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
Bechtel	12.50	+0.05	4.5	18.5
Skanska	12.20	+0.02	4.2	17.8
Hyundai	11.90	+0.01	4.0	17.2
Daewoo	11.60	+0.03	3.8	16.5
San Miguel	11.30	+0.01	3.5	16.0
Yokohama	11.00	+0.02	3.2	15.5
Asahi	10.70	+0.01	3.0	15.0
Daewoo	10.40	+0.02	2.8	14.5
San Miguel	10.10	+0.01	2.5	14.0
Yokohama	9.80	+0.02	2.2	13.5

BUILDING MATERIALS

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
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Skanska	12.20	+0.02	4.2	17.8
Hyundai	11.90	+0.01	4.0	17.2
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CHEMICALS

Company	Price	Change	Yield	P/E
Basf	12.50	+0.05	4.5	18.5
Dow	12.20	+0.02	4.2	17.8
DuPont	11.90	+0.01	4.0	17.2
Eastman	11.60	+0.03	3.8	16.5
Merck	11.30	+0.01	3.5	16.0
Novartis	11.00	+0.02	3.2	15.5
Pfizer	10.70	+0.01	3.0	15.0
Schering	10.40	+0.02	2.8	14.5
Schleicher	10.10	+0.01	2.5	14.0
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Carlsberg	11.80	+0.02	4.2	17.8
Asahi	11.50	+0.01	4.0	17.2
Daewoo	11.20	+0.03	3.8	16.5
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148	2185 Nacogdoches	1116			
147	2000	300			
1432	2850 Bannockburn	1272			
140	104 Case Plant	114			
139	1000	12			
114	3100 Cade	94			
380	2050 Concessionary H	307			
173	1710	37			
28	1250	13			
167	1150 Sams Group	11			
173	1710	12			
215	1500 Hanchey Tech	180	+5	23	1
390	1670 Ingersoll Tech	287			
350	1500 Gen'l	171			
182	120 Leno	178	+1		
147	1430	13			
30	3000 Frontier Health	32			
35	260 Oakley Can	32			
300	3000	45	-1		
500	4000 Sales Health	45			
119	123 Sales Dining	49	-12		
273	2400 Sales & Equip	189			
27	2000	2			
273	2400	37			
302	2200 West Hillcrest	26			

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Gary Slapper explains how a new kind of drink could lead users into a difficult legal area

Every year desk sergeants record the details of tens of thousands of alcohol-related offences. In such a setting, the recent profusion in the drinks market of alcopops and ready-mixed sweet cocktails can be seen as fueling an already significant problem.

Last month, a publican and his wife from Ormskirk in Lancashire were fined £7,000 and lost their licences after Graham Bailey, a boy they had served alcopop drinks, was hit by a train after leaving their pub very drunk. At the time of the decision by Ormskirk magistrates, yet another new alcoholic product apparently aimed at children — a vodka and raspberry ice pop — was coming under investigation.



A proliferation of alcopops is likely to increase alcohol-related problems (posed picture)

The proliferation of alcopops is likely to increase alcohol-related offences, both by people who know what they are drinking and by others who become involuntarily intoxicated.

It may be seen as alarming in this context that both voluntary and involuntary intoxication are valid defences to many criminal charges.

Alcopops, which generated profits of more than £280 million last year, have an alcoholic content higher than that of most beers and lagers but with strong flavours like vanilla or lemonade. It is quite possible to drink such a product without realising its true content.

In many types of crime, the prosecution has to prove that the defendant had a particular frame of mind, such as intention or recklessness. Where a defendant has the stipulated attitude, it is irrelevant whether or not he or she was drunk. He cannot be heard to say that he would never have behaved as he did were he sober.

In one case, a man gave away to his paedophilic inclinations only, he said, because someone had laced his drink with sedatives. The drink had been surreptitiously spiked by a business enemy specifically to help to procure sexual acts with a 15-year-old boy that were to be recorded and used in a blackmail scheme. The defendant was convicted at Lewes Crown Court of indecent assault but his conviction was at first quashed by the Court of Appeal, which took the view that a man could

not be convicted where his otherwise-controlled desires were released through the secret administration of a disinhibiting substance because the operative fault is not his.

The House of Lords restored the conviction and stated that when the defendant committed the indecent assault, though he would not have acted as he did were he sober, he did know what he was doing when he behaved sexually with the boy. The Lords adopted a "disinhibition" test from another case that "a drunken intent is still an intent".

Where, however, through involuntary intoxication, a person does not have the required mental element for a crime, the prevailing view is that there should be an acquittal.

Yet the courts have been very cautious about the notion of involuntary intoxication. In one case a man charged with indecent assault argued that he had not known what he was doing. He admitted to having been drinking in a pub but claimed that wine he had drunk afterwards had caused more alcohol than he had realised. The Court of Appeal rejected this argument, ruling that where a person has been voluntarily drinking

even a little alcohol, he was not permitted to argue that intoxication was involuntary simply because he had underestimated the amount or strength of alcohol he was imbibing.

Where a defendant commits a crime while drunk, his intoxication will not afford him a defence if he has been charged with an offence for which the prosecution need prove only recklessness. Indeed, in such a case anyone arguing that through his own efforts he had become so drunk as not to appreciate what he was doing will be condemning himself of recklessness. By contrast, where a defendant is facing a

serious charge such as murder, requiring proof of a specific intention, then his intoxication at the time of the crime can be a defence if it prevented him having the relevant intention.

The concession to people charged with "specific intent" — broadly, the most grave crimes — arose in the early 19th century as a way of allowing defendants to avoid being hanged or transported if they were too drunk when committing an offence to have been seen as coldly wicked.

In some circumstances, of course, being affected by alcohol is an integral part of an offence. The Road Traffic Act of 1988 for example, includes several offences such as driving or being in charge of a vehicle while under the influence of drink or drugs.

Here, victims of laced drinks cannot escape conviction, although the courts can be sympathetic. In one case a man in a pub who had drunk beer moderately, then ordered a tonic water, had his last drink laced with vodka by a woman planning to reveal the trick before he left. She wanted him not to drive back to his home but to sleep with her and she expected that when told of the vodka he would not risk the drive. He left before she had a chance to tell him, but though he was convicted of a drink-driving offence, he was given an absolute discharge.

There have been various reports recommending legal reforms in this area. The Law Commission has rejected the idea of replacing the existing law with a new offence of "criminal intoxication" and recommended instead a series of revisions to today's rules.

After recent disturbing news, such as the findings of Swansea's Centre for Substance Abuse Research that 55 per cent of 11 to 16-year-olds are regular drinkers of alcohol (rising to 71 per cent of 16-year-olds), George Howarth, the Home Office Minister, has begun an inquiry on this issue. Whichever way the law is finely tuned, deeper social questions need to be asked about why a generation of children has come to favour alcopops over popcorn.

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The knives sharpen at Chancery Lane

Private detectives, threats of libel writs, leaked documents and allegations of dirty tricks can mean only one thing — blood is being spilt in another election for the job of President of the Law Society.

From 1954 to 1995 the elections were uncontested. The deputy vice-president became the vice-president who became the President. It was all very sedate. It produced a steady stream of solicitors who could be relied upon to say the right things in public and generally behave themselves. They were all so worthy that a knighthood went with the job until the Government decided that it was no longer appropriate for senior lawyers to get knighthoods automatically. High Court judges were exempted from this ruling.

Then in 1995 there was an election between Henry Hodge, Eileen Pembroke and Martin Mears with Mr Mears emerging triumphant and pledging reform. His year in office was racked with controversy as he lambasted both members of the Law Society Council and senior Law Society officials for blocking his reforms, while he was much criticised for tactless comments in the media. When Mr Mears announced that he was to stand for a second term, his critics united behind the well-known figure of Tony Girding who won the 1996 election with Phillip Sycamore as vice-president.

The Law Society dropped out of the news and when Mr Mears's former vice-president, the respected Robert Sayer, joined the Sycamore slate for the 1997 election, few would have given anything for Mr Mears's chances if he had stood again for President. The average solicitor is not interested in Law Society elections. The only time an interest is shown is when the profession's economic interests are threatened and the Law Society is (for once) able to do something about it. This happens only rarely and the mood is otherwise one of apathy and indifference.

The two issues that have thrown the election wide open concern the Solicitors Indemnity Fund (SIF) contributions and the alleged involvement of the Sycamore team in a "dirty tricks" campaign to secure the presidency. The SIF faces a £248 million shortfall, largely as a result of negligent conveyancing during years that had hitherto been regarded as "closed" for insurance purposes. This is in addition to £200 million required to pay claims for the open years. Mr Mears has consistently made an issue out of the way in which the SIF is run and has claimed that it has underestimated the effect of cut-price conveyancing on claims. The official estimate is that premiums will have to rise by 80 per cent to cover the cost of the

deficit. The apportionment of the losses is one of the most important and contentious issues for the profession over the next year. The survival of many firms is dependent on it.

Then there was the leak of a note of a secret meeting in February attended by Mr Sycamore and his campaign team. It was reported that senior members of Lowe Bell Communications, a public relations firm which had worked for the Law Society, would give unpaid help to the Sycamore team provided their involvement was kept secret. These included Jonathan Hill who was advisor to John Major and who may have thought he would have time on his hands after the general election. Mr Sycamore was to organise a meeting with Mr Hill to discuss a "negative campaign" and the hiring private detectives to investigate Mr Mears and those who might stand with him. The note acknowledged that it would be disastrous if knowledge of this leaked out. Mr Sycamore later said that he had rejected out of hand the suggestion of hiring inquiry agents and that the note was not an agreed minute.

The most controversial part of the note dealt with managing the agendas of Law Society meetings to stop bad news coming out. The Law Society may not be able to do much to improve the lot of solicitors but it can, through mismanagement, cost them a lot of money and the profession expects its leaders to be frank. All the money spent in developing the high street computer starter kit for solicitors has been lost. £10 million has been wasted on the defective Regis computer and the refurbishment of the headquarters has overrun by £3.4 million. Then there is still the SIF with its £448 million black hole.

Many solicitors fear that they might end up as the equivalent of Lloyd's names with demands for payments for losses that they did not know existed.

These issues have made the election wide open. The "steady as you go" approach of Mr Sycamore does not sit well with the image of private detectives and agenda management. The suggestion is that this will put off the more traditional solicitors. But does this leave the field open for Mr Mears? His support among the beleaguered smaller practitioners is probably fairly solid but he has managed to upset a lot of the vested interest groups and many of the Sycamore supporters will have voted before the story of the secret meeting broke. Polling ends on Thursday and the result will be publicly known by next Tuesday. The indications are that it will be a low turnout and a close result.

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PATRICK STEVENS

Alcopops over popcorn?

Might it be Mears again?

THE Law Society is steeling itself for a possible Martin Mears victory when the result of the presidential elections is announced on Monday evening. Many believe that Phillip Sycamore's alleged dirty tricks campaign against Mr Mears may tip the balance in Mr Mears's favour, although much depends on how many solicitors bother to vote.

Simon Baker, the author of the "dirty tricks" document, has since announced his resignation from the Law Society Council.

The last time Mears, a Norfolk solicitor, was President, the society was plunged into infighting and backstabbing. Some insiders insist,

however, that Mr Mears has become more statesmanlike and his ideas more measured. In what may be the first signs of the taming of Mears, tomorrow he unveils a new guide on client care for solicitors, which he has edited for the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors — not the kind of initiative he would have touched three years ago.

Tony Girding has delivered a parting shot at Mr Mears. "He has," the outgoing President says, "an enormous amount to contribute — every committee, every council, needs a Martin Mears. But I don't believe he is suited to leadership. He is intelligent, engaging — but there is something in his make-up which means he can't resist finding the soft underbelly in every-

thing and going for it." Mr Girding fears that the good relations between the society and the Government would be jeopardised if Mr Mears won. So he has given him some advice.

"I told him," says Mr Girding, "that if he wins he will have to learn to comport himself differently... he has to be prepared to read the papers and listen to the views of those who have worked up policy proposals and done the work."

● First it was the cricket. Then it was Wimbledon and now it is the turn of the Kennedy's Charity Bowls Tournament to be blighted by the bad weather. The tournament, which is being held to raise money for research into muscular dystrophy, was going to be

held last week. But incessant rain forced the City law firm to postpone it until the week starting July 21.

CPS Netted

THE Crown Prosecution Service is the latest part of the Government to go on to the Internet. The site will explain what the CPS is up to. Also this week a book on law and the Internet is published by Clive Gringras, a solicitor with Olswang, Sir Robin Jacob, the High Court judge, says in the foreword: "Anyone with an Internet problem will find this book a first port of call — and in many cases will find an answer, or a reasonable prediction of an answer."

The CPS said the site would enable the CPS to pass information direct to the public, universities and schools. It would explain the CPS's history, its place in the criminal justice system and the role of the Director of Public Prosecutions and some previous cases.

● CPS: <http://www.cps.gov.uk>

Cab rankers

THE cab rank system is alive and well, according to *Press Gazette*. The trade paper for journalists notes that during the recent Aitken libel trial, George Carman, QC, *World In Action*'s counsel, lined up against Charles Gray, Jonathan Aitken's QC, and that the tables will be turned next year, when the programme faces another libel action from Marks & Spencer.

This time Mr Gray is due to represent *World In Action* while Mr Carman is scheduled to appear for the other side.

"It's official," comments *Press Gazette*. "Lawyers are just taxis on a rank."

SCRIVENOR

Straw in the Inn

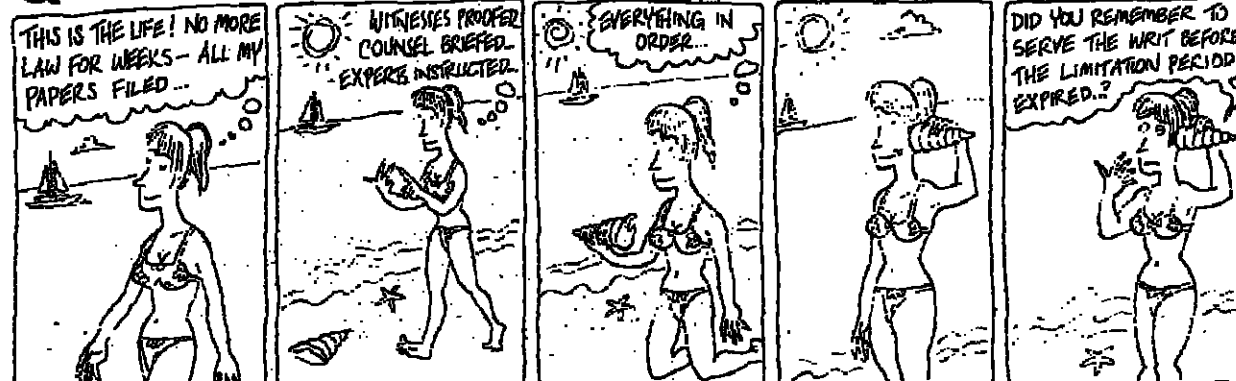
THE Inner Temple, Jack Straw's Inn, has been quick to welcome the new Home Secretary into its inner circle. Soon after Labour's general election victory, it invited Mr Straw to become a bencher — and on June 20 he accepted. Fellow benchers include Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the former Lord Chancellor — not to mention Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the present Lord Chancellor.

But before anybody accuses Mr Straw of allowing himself to be nobbled by the legal establishment, they should remember that Michael Howard, his predecessor as Home Secretary, was a bencher at nearby Middle Temple, a fact that did not seem to influence his distinctly populist policies towards the criminal justice system.



Straw: Inner Temple's warm embrace

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Clearly, when being interviewed it pays to avoid subjects which tend to depress you. Sometimes, of course, they cannot be avoided. You may be asked why you wish to leave your present firm, or how you did in your exams. However, if you're aware of the effect depressing subjects can have on your image you can at least try to remain cheerful.

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Barbara Hewson asks whether judges have the right to order Caesareans

A woman's freedom under attack

Government policy says that women should have informed choice and control in childbirth. So it is anomalous that judges have authorised Caesarean operations against women's wishes — in effect assaults on adults declining obstetric intervention.

In several recent cases — *Re S* (1992), *Norfolk and Norfolk NHS Trust v W* (1996), *Re L* (1996), *Re MB* (1997) — adults had no choice to be in court, to give evidence, to have independent experts, to get discovery of medical records, to interview witnesses, or to know the case against them. Cynics observed that if a pregnant woman accepts medical advice, she is "competent" (capable of making her own decisions); if not, she is "incompetent".

"Forced Caesarean" cases cannot be justified on the ground of state necessity, a principle established in the mid-18th century. So what is the reason for them? Judges have spoken of their concern for the life of the "unborn child" and the desire to protect it.

But if this is their guiding motive, it is seen by others as an attempt to introduce "foetal rights" by the back door. Any such attempt would offend the rule of law. Our law does not recognise foetal rights. In *Re F (in utero)* (1988) the Court of Appeal held that judges must not curtail women's civil liberties for the sake of foetuses.

Lord Justice Balcombe said that "in such a sensitive field, affecting as it does the liberty of the individual, it is not for the judiciary to extend the law". To Lord Justice May, it was unthinkable that a

court order in respect of a foetus could be carried out against a woman by force, or by jail.

Sir Stephen Brown, the President of the Family Division, challenged this in a case known as *Re S* (1992) when authorising non-consensual Caesarean surgery on a competent Nigerian in labour. At the 1993 Bar conference, he indicated that he would do this again, if another case arose.

It is unfortunate that the judgment in *Re S* uses language reminiscent of that of foetal rights proponents. It describes Mrs S as "mother", her foetus as "unborn child" or "baby". Foetal rights proponents argue that pregnant women are a subordinate class, whose liberties can be abridged for the sake of foetuses. Their views are coloured by absolutist notions of maternal self-sacrifice.

The influence of *Re S* appears in comments by Mr Justice Johnson in 1996: "No judge has yet refused to make an order and has had to live with the subsequent news that

a child [sic] has died that might have lived... I do not think there is a possibility of giving attention to the legal niceties".

Not only some judges but also the executive are implicated in this disturbing trend. In *Re S* (1992), the case of the Nigerian woman, the Official Solicitor argued for forced Caesarean surgery. In *W* (1996) he argued for the use of force to impose a non-consensual forceps delivery. But the Official Solicitor has no mandate to pursue such a heterodox agenda, and must have appreciated the adverse implications for women's autonomy.

As for the NHS, it has no mandate to promote "foetal rights". Yet in 1996, a law firm acting for 70 NHS trusts announced a 24-hour helpline for trusts seeking to compel non-compliant women to undergo obstetric intervention, in response to NHS "need".

In *Re MB* (1997), the case in which a woman refused intervention because of her fear of needles, the Court of Appeal grappled with

these forces. MB, who refused surgery, was "naïve" and "not very bright". After a 30-minute phone call ending at 9.55pm, a judge declared her temporarily incompetent. The Court of Appeal agreed at last that she was incompetent, and ordered her to undergo Caesarean surgery by force. It then asked the hospital to file evidence. Weeks later, it affirmed the common law principle, laid down by the House of Lords in *Sidaway* (1985), that competent adults have the right to accept or refuse treatment, for reasons that are rational or irrational. This includes pregnant adults. The court also reaffirmed that foetuses have no separate interests capable of being taken into account even at point of birth.

Lord Justice Thorpe recently spoke on *Re MB* at a conference. He said that no family judge had upheld a pregnant woman's autonomy so as to deny a foetus "the best possible chance". Parliament, he indicated, should intervene after *Re MB*. Otherwise, he said, "the obvious risk was restatement of principle by appellate judges which trial judges simply find impossible to follow [my italics]".

This sounds like special pleading. The common law does not recognise foetuses. Foetuses are not "children". Even if family judges disagree with the common law, they cannot refuse to follow it.

To refuse to defy the rule of law, if judges wish to refuse, they are not fulfilling their role, and, I believe, should resign.

● The author is a practising barrister



The new baby: surely a mother should have the right to decide against a Caesarean section?

Chinese takeover continues in Hong Kong

Edward Fennell looks into the future for lawyers in the former colony



Mullarkey: stack of invitations from the British and Chinese

There was no work done in most Hong Kong law offices last week for the duration of the three-day holiday marking the changeover to China; partying was high on everyone's agenda. Unlike some of the British Government officials worried about the constitutional and human rights issues, lawyers in the Hong Kong offices of the London-based law firms were gearing up for the time of their lives.

David Mullarkey, who runs the Linklaters & Paines office, had a stack of invitations from both the British and Chinese sides. Alexandra Livesey of Allen & Overy said that all the lawyers she knew would be celebrating the historic occasion.

Business is booming in Hong Kong and most British lawyers are confident that life will continue much as before. In

particular, they are quick to reject some of the fears that in the post-colonial euphoria they will be shunned by Chinese clients. Mark Johnson of Herbert Smith, for example, said: "Hong Kong is a sophisticated financial centre and I cannot foresee why that should happen."

But some are not so sanguine. Stephen Wozencroft has been based in the Far East for many years and runs the local Wide Sange office in Hong Kong. He fears that "the days of people like me are numbered". Localisation of staff (the replacement of foreigners in Hong Kong jobs), means he believes that British lawyers will play less of a role in Hong Kong than previously, and that many

more Chinese lawyers must be recruited and trained if London firms are to maintain a big presence.

Mr Wozencroft also thinks that sheer force of numbers may drive English into second place as the business language of the former colony. Laws will be in two languages, but the status of English is almost bound to be reduced as the Chinese flex their muscles.

More than a score of London-based law firms, as well as American, Australian and local outfits, operate in Hong Kong. Tension exists between the various nationalities, but already many people say that the local scene is dominated by

Hong Kong firms (albeit with colonial titles). A Johnson Stokes & Master spokeswoman, for example, was quick to claim that her firm, together with Deacons Graham & James, was top dog. "London law firms," she said firmly, "are not the market leaders here."

The separate status of Hong Kong means that it can still make sense to run a practice focused on the domestic work of the city itself. But most firms are starting to build up their involvement with the People's Republic. Slaughter & May, for example, believes it is still best to do its China work from Hong Kong, but some firms have opened offices either in Shanghai or Beijing. Herbert Smith uses its office as a focus for dev-

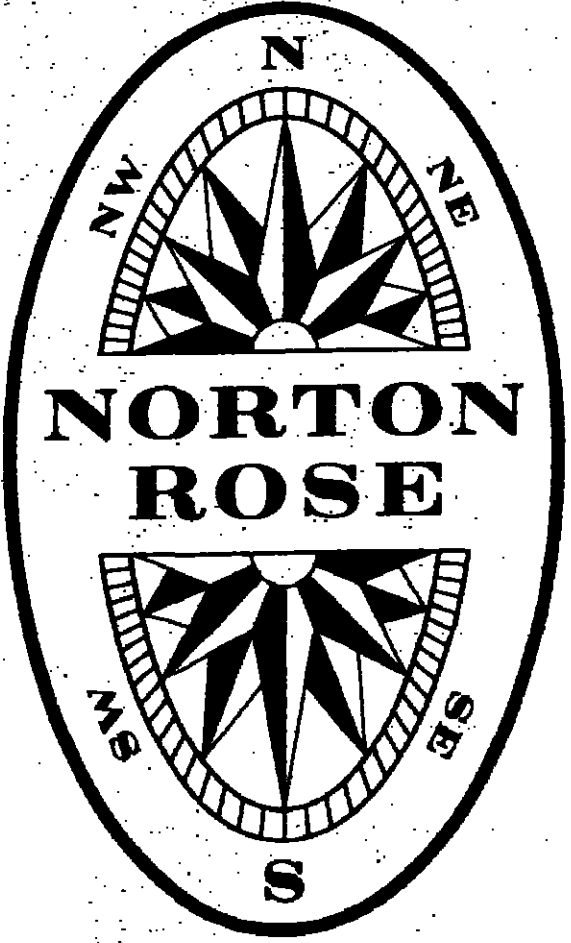
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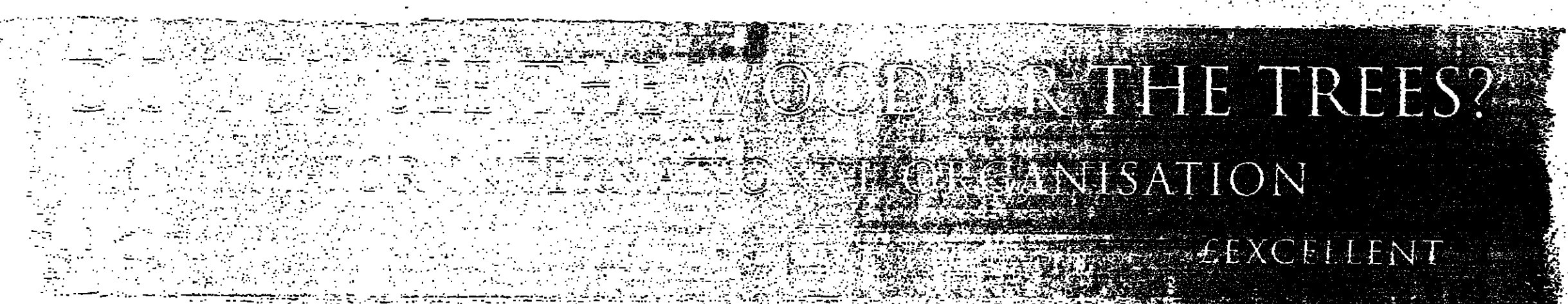
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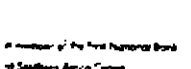
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THE 1997 British Isles tour of South Africa ended this morning when the rump of the party stepped down from their incoming flight at Heathrow, but the effects of their success have still to percolate downwards. "People generally copy success," Fran Cotton, the manager, said, "and it's important to our rugby that the Lions played in the way that they did."

The Lions, led by Martin Johnson, achieved two objectives crucial to the development and appreciation of the game: they won the series with South Africa 2-1, but they also played an appealing brand of rugby. If they did not prove conclusively that the two can go hand in hand in the international arena, it is far more than any pundit believed possible when they departed in May.

Comparisons with their predecessors of 1974, who won three and drew one of their internationals with the Springboks, are inevitable, though these Lions, some of whom were not born 23 years ago, seldom discussed them. In terms of individual ability,

this year's pride falls short of the stature achieved by J. P. R. Williams, Gareth Edwards, Fergus Slattery, Cotton himself and their ilk, but in a general playing sense — and certainly in commercial terms — the 1997 Lions may have achieved more.

Even if only a limited audience watched them on satellite television, the message going back to British enthusiasts

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Played: 13 Won: 11 Drawn: 0 Lost: 2
Points for: 480 Points against: 278
RESULTS: British Isles beat Eastern Province 19-11, beat Western Province 19-14, beat Natal 19-14, beat Northern Transvaal 30-15, beat Gauteng 20-14, beat Natal 42-12, beat Free State 51-22, beat SOUTH AFRICA 25-10, beat Free State 52-30, beat SOUTH AFRICA 10-15, beat Northern Free State 67-39, lost to SOUTH AFRICA 16-35.

APPEARANCES: 8: Back (1) as replacement, Bercley, Davidson (1), Jenkins (2), Leonard (2), Underwood (1), Warrington (1), 7: Bateman (1), Dalglish, Guscott, Healy (3), Smith, Shaw (1), Stenson (1), 6: Call (1), Dawson (2), Gabe (1), Greenwood (1), Johnson, Regan (1), Rowan (1), 5: Beak, Evans, Hill, Miller (1), Rodger, Wood, 4: Howley, Redman, Williams (1), 3: Gurnell (1), War 2: Depost 1: Bracken, Grayson, Sanger.

POINTS SCORES: 111: Stenson (4 nos, 22 conversions, 15 penalty goals), 110: Jenkins (27, 17C, 22PG), 35: Bercley (7), Underwood (7), 28: Guscott (47, 10G, 20B), 27: Warrington (47), 15: Dawson (37), Evans (31), 13: Call (27, 1PG), Townsend (27, 10G), 10: Regan, Shaw, Tait (all 21), 5: Beak, Bateman, Bracken, Dalglish, Greenwood, Healy, Rowan, War (all 11).

was one of positive rugby. The cynic may point to Neil Jenkins's haul of penalty goals in the three internationals and the three tries scored by the Lions in those games, compared with nine from South Africa, but the cold statistics do not tell the full story of a side that played for so long with its back to the wall and yet produced the character to steal the series.

Yet Jim Telfer, the assistant coach and ever the realist, warned that players are conservative creatures. "If the coach of club or district doesn't like the way we played here, I don't know if the players will be sufficient to change their minds," Telfer said. "I think change has to come from the national coaches of the unions."

The Lions management itself is not agreed on how best to sustain the rise in standards at home. Ian McGeechan, the coach, seeks what appears to be impossible, a superstructure beyond the existing five nations' championship, though he agrees that development of club or provincial rugby, through Europe, will be beneficial. Cotton perceives a different representative structure in England, of city-based district teams, as the

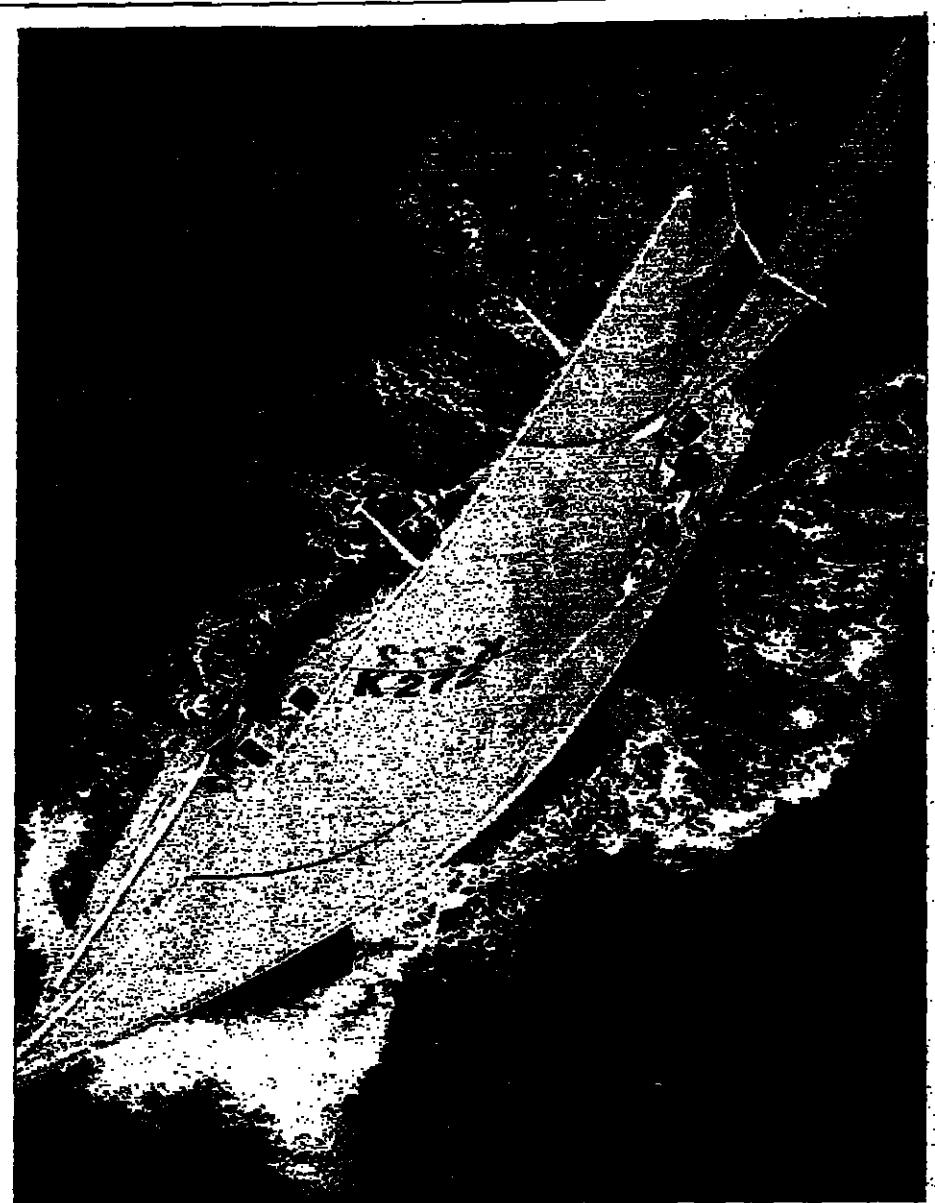
answer, while Ray Williams, the retiring chairman of the four home unions' tours committee, offers a stern negative to those who would entertain the Lions every two years.

Here, Williams offers the voice of sanity to those who will otherwise, at the behest of television and the fees involved, make international rugby the common coin. If there is one message to come through from the activities this summer, mainly from the hoarse throats of players carrying a multiplicity of injuries, it is that rugby of such intensity cannot be sustained week in, week out.

The players are worn out and spectators turned off because what were once rare and exciting events are becoming debased by overuse. The planning that now takes England's Lions to Australia for an international in Sydney on Saturday must be queried, as must that which next summer could take England, via an international with the United States, to New Zealand for two internationals and home via Australia and South Africa for internationals on successive Saturdays.

"We are on a very steep learning curve as far as professional rugby is concerned," Williams said, "and we haven't yet come to terms with it. If we are not careful, we will kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. We couldn't fill the Arms Park when Australia and South Africa came to Wales last year."

Yet the Lions bring a message of hope, notably to the Scots, Irish and Welsh, whose rebuilding needs are greater than England's, that players of high quality remain at a time when the traditional powers in the game are in danger of contracting rather than expanding. This tour's heroes have been the likes of Tom Smith, the inexperienced Scotland prop, Jeremy Davidson, the athletic young Ireland lock, and the rumbustious Wales centre, Scott Gibbs, and in them lie the 1997 Lions' lasting value.



The yawl, Gandalf Wight Sorcerer, in action in the western Solent yesterday

Laidlaw leads fleet a merry dance

COMPETITION on day two of the Rolex Swan European Regatta at Cowes finally got under way yesterday in hot and light conditions that forced officers to abandon a planned round-the-island race and opt instead for a shorter course in the western Solent (Edward Gorman writes).

The Swan 60, Highland Fling, owned by Irvine Laidlaw, took line honours in Division 1 after leading for most of the way from the start at the Squadron line. The next two finishers, Arden van Vemde's new 60, Sotto Voce, and the 68, Splendid, were second and third to finish, but heard no guns after being

adjudged — like many others — to have been over the start line early.

Second place on the water thus went to the Royal Ocean Racing Club commodore, Terry Robinson, in his new 48, Assuage, with Richard Loftus's Swan 65, Desperado of Cowes, third. In Division 2, the 44, Flamboyant, had established a good lead and was on course for line honours.

The Swans, arguably the most attractive production ocean racing yachts afloat, have turned out in force with 51 entries for the championship, mostly from Britain but with visitors from France, Holland, Belgium, Greece

and Germany. The championship consists of five races with one discard allowed.

The fleet sails in two divisions, with the bigger boats down to the Swan 46s in the top echelon. The handicap system is the class, Nautor's Swan Rating, equalises boats that range from old cruisers to new models fitted out for racing.

In the first race on Sunday, the Royal Yacht Squadron Challenge, it was Don Wood's 55ft yawl, Gandalf Wight Sorcerer, which won overall in a moderate sea breeze, beating the 48, Elan, owned by Harald Baum, by more than one minute on corrected time.

Victory puts Woods on top of the world

TIGER WOODS prompted a change at the top of golf's world rankings for the fourth successive week when he secured a three-shot triumph in the Western Open at Lemont, Illinois, late on Sunday night.

A seventh tournament victory in ten months as a professional enabled Woods, who finished ahead of Frank Nobilo, to overtake Greg Norman and Ernie Els, both previous leaders in the rankings. He has now earned more than \$1 million on the US Tour this season.

Colin Montgomerie stays in fourth place, despite his spectacular triumph in the Murphy's Irish Open. Montgomerie, Els and Norman are in a powerful field for the Loch Lomond World Invitational, which begins tomorrow.

Cricket: Mohammad Ashrauddin, the former captain, has been recalled by India for their tour of Sri Lanka beginning later this month. Two newcomers — Debashish Mohanty, the fast bowler, and Nilesh Kulkarni, the left-arm spinner — have been included in the 14-man squad.

Bowls: Northamptonshire won through to the regional finals of the English Bowling Association under-25 two fours championship, beating Essex 36-35 in a tense match. They join Kent, Devon and Lincolnshire in the national semi-finals at Worthing on August 24.

Shooting: British internationalists showed up well against their Commonwealth rivals at the British Commonwealth rifle meeting at Bisley, Paul Kent, from Surrey, won the overall championship by one point.

Rugby league: Sheffield Eagles have strengthened their squad by signing Neil Law, the Northampton centre. Law, 22, will be returning to his home town after playing in 19 first division games.

Bristol determined to keep Regan

BRISTOL and Bath were yesterday involved in a tug-of-war over Mark Regan, the British Isles hooker. Regan, 25, claims to have agreed a five-year, six-figure deal with Bath, but Derek Brown, the Bristol chairman, is insisting that Regan sees out the final year of his contract and said: "He is not going anywhere. If he doesn't want to play for us we will stick him on the bench. He will not be playing for Bath next season."

Bristol-born Regan is disappointed that the club has let so many talented players leave in the past 12 months. Alan Sharp, of Scotland, Kyran Bracken, and Simon Shaw, the England interna-

tionals, and Gareth Archer have signed for other clubs.

Regan is in the England squad for the international against Australia in Sydney on Saturday after his exploits in South Africa with the Lions. Australia, packed on Saturday, have reacted by dropping Richard Harry, the prop forward.

The Wallabies were overpowered by the All Blacks forwards during a 30-13 defeat in Christchurch, prompting Greg Smith, the coach, to drop Harry in one of four changes to a 24-man squad.

Daniel Herbert, the centre, is omitted to make way for the return of Jason Little, who

missed the Bledisloe Cup defeat because of a hip injury.

Another bonus for Australia is the return after injury of Matt Burke, the full back, a key attacking player and the Wallabies' goalkicker.

Richard Tombs, the Australia centre, completed Gloucester's new-look overseas three-quarter line yesterday when he signed after lengthy negotiations. The New South Wales centre, 29, who will arrive in Gloucester later this month after his work permit has been arranged, will line up alongside Philippe Saint-André, the France wing, his brother, Raphael, and Terry Fanolua, the Western Samoan centre.

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CYCLING: ITALIAN RETAINS YELLOW JERSEY AFTER TIMING FINISH TO PERFECTION

Cipollini stars in the longest day

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE
IN VIRE

MARIO CIPOLLINI overcame a lack of team support to assert his status as the leading sprinter in the world with a second successive stage win in the Tour de France yesterday.

The man of many nicknames, such as "Il Magnifico", the "Lion King" and "Super Mario", may not be a contender for final honours in Paris, but is, nonetheless, determined to make the most of the best form of his eight-year professional career.

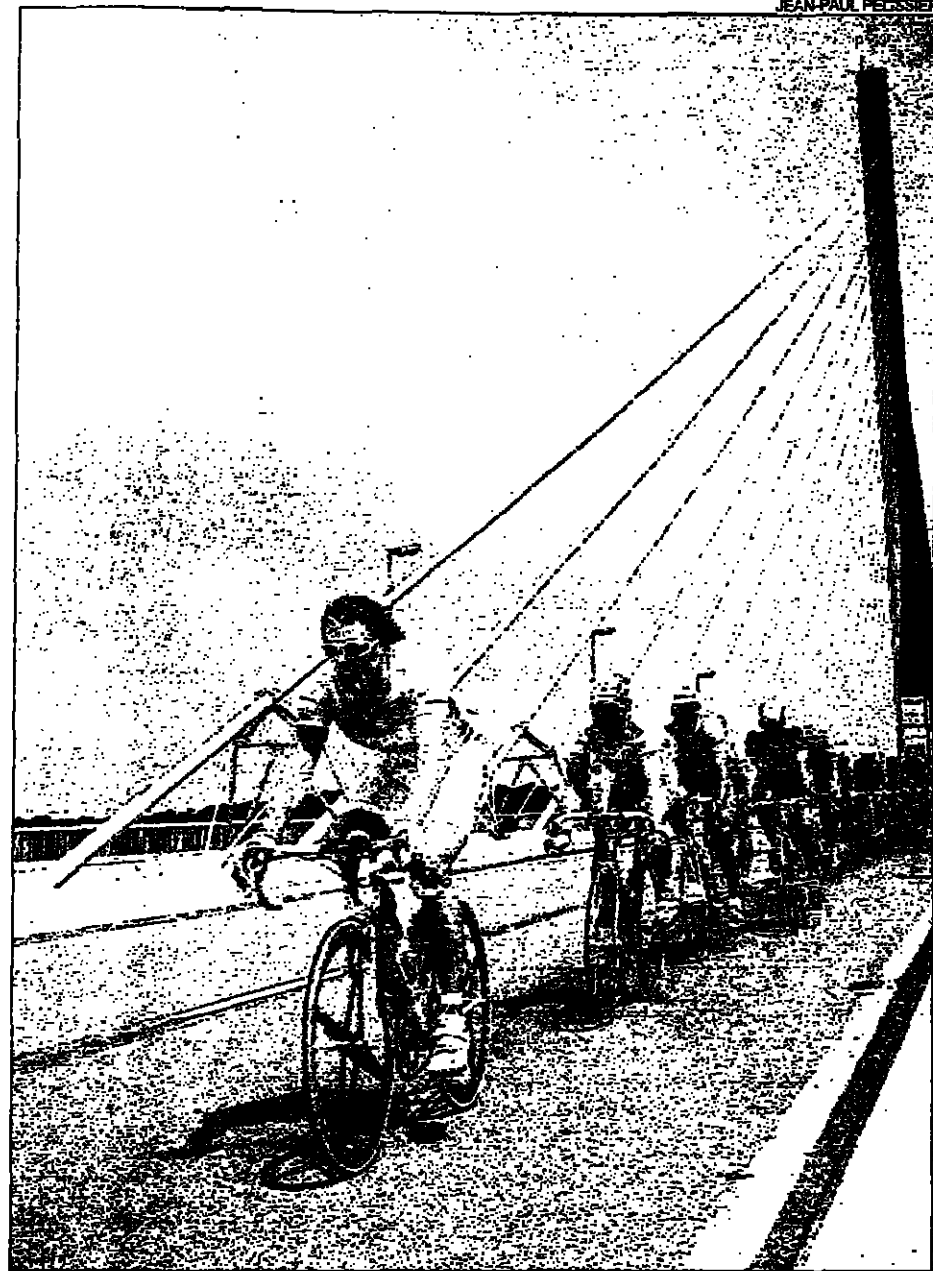
"To wear the yellow jersey is the greatest honour of my career," Cipollini said after victory on the longest day of the Tour, through the Calvados region of Normandy. "I want to hold onto it until the race reaches the Pyrenees."

The Italian's win, his sixth in the Tour, came at the climax of a sultry 16-hour stage, covering 262 kilometres, and increased his overall lead over Chris Boardman, who prudently sat out the frenetic finishing sprint further back in the main field.

Cipollini had looked out of luck as the field sped into the final kilometre with one of his protective squad of team riders struggling after a crash and another dropping back on the approach to the uphill finish.

"I had a bad moment about 500 metres from the line," Cipollini said. "I was on my own and was boxed in against the barriers." Just as Erik Zabel, of Germany, looked to have victory within his grasp, though, Cipollini judged the final surge to perfection and moved clear of the Berliner to record another dazzling victory.

The flamboyant Italian, who rolled away from the start at the port of St Valéry-en-Caux dressed head to foot in yellow, took centre stage for most of the day, even though the unsung Frenchman, Thierry Gouvenou, let local pride get the better of him by



Cipollini leads the peloton during his second successive stage win yesterday

setting off on a suicidal break-away halfway through the stage.

Gouvenou, born here in Vire, set about honouring the Tour tradition of local riders attacking in their own region

and at one point led the race by almost five minutes. Cipollini, though, keen to make the most of his time in the limelight before the Tour reaches his dreaded high mountain passes, ordered his

Italian team-mates to chase down the Frenchman. With a weary Gouvenou finally recaptured on the undulating approach to Vire, an attack came from Laurent Jalabert, the world No.1, of France.

Jalabert's move spread temporary panic in the main field, but the straight, rolling roads leading to the finish put paid to his surprise attack.

With the memory of the crash in Forges-les-Eaux the previous day, one of the biggest in the history of the Tour, still fresh in many minds, most intrigue centred on tensions between the defending champion, Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, and his young German team-mate, Jan Ullrich, who was second overall in the Tour last year. Riis angrily rounded on his largely Ger-

TOUR DETAILS

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No politics, please, we're fashion designers

Having watched last week's television coverage of the Hong Kong handover to China, I found it hard not to come away with the feeling that Hong Kong's capitalist future, that the disorienting regime in Peking might yet grab the first excuse to renege on its promise of "One country, two systems". But, from Mao's New Suit (Chang 4), last night, it is clear that China has been operating a flourishing system of "one country, two systems" at home for some time already.

Guo Pei and her schoolfriend Sun Jan, young, self-employed fashion designers who would not wear a Mao suit than bind their own feet — belong to a new generation of Chinese who are being quietly left alone to get on and make money. Guo Pei earns more in two months than her parents did in their whole working lives, "so they can't understand our

values. Young people today are not like their parents. They're not interested in politics. They want to make money, do business and advance their careers. They won't sacrifice their lives to politics. They won't give up their ambitions. Those days are gone."

The change has been dramatic even in the ten years since Guo Pei first started her working life, in a children's clothing factory. "Back then women's fashion was heavily influenced by politics. Low-cut dresses were out. Everyone was just following the rules. They did what they were told. What a shame we in England missed out on that phase when clothes were 'heavily influenced' by politics. Maybe it isn't too late. Imagine the 'Blair Suit' he would insist on the same design for everyone in the party — but, hey, it would be a modern design. The Hague Suit, with turnups that fall just above the knee, would be available from

the school uniform department at Harrods and Peter Jones.

The energy of these two girls made life in BBC's *Omni* on Hampstead Garden Suburb look pale and sultry. The 100-year-old Suburb was the idea of Dame Henrietta Barnett, a Victorian philanthropist who wanted to rescue Londoners from the squalid East End. Inspired by the Garden City Movement, she bought an estate "so that all classes could live in neighbourhoods together. Any quirky rules, Henrietta, such as no pubs, no commerce, and no walls or fences between the different classes, just hedges? Now that you mention it, all of those.

Now, of course, zoning house prices, and the tranquility created by not having drunks wandering around at chuck-out time on Friday nights, have made the area ever so middle-class and genteel. The sort of gentility whereby Peter

REVIEW



Joe Joseph

Loyd — Hampstead Garden Suburb's Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, 38 years a resident, former Royal Marine — might come up to you and say, "Ah, Cyril. Here is your free Neighbourhood Watch quiz, which you can do in the comfort of your own home, and if you get all the answers right, you can congratulate yourself on being a very worthy citizen" (What, no cash? Can you imagine: "Well

done for guessing all six numbers correctly," says Camelot. "You are a jolly worthy citizen.")

Lord McGregor of Durriss, former chairman of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and of the Press Complaints Commission, confesses, "I thought it was a nasty, stuffy, suburban-looking place, and that, of course, is what it is." Let me explain: he says this as a compliment.

Excitement has finally reached the Suburb in the form of a proposal by orthodox Jews to establish an *eruv*, a notional boundary that sets out an area within which you can carry personal items such as keys and prayer books and so on on the Sabbath. It has met heavy local opposition: once a suburb, now a fashion designers' enclave, the Suburb is a place where the Jewish community is growing, and the orthodox Jews are coming to see it as a place where they can practice their faith in peace.

What this community needs is for Tony Kearsley, from Bolton, to move in with his family. Families. Tony has five children, two of them by his girlfriend, Sharon. Tony — the subject of *I Just Wanna Be Joe* Public, the latest in BBC's *Little Kingdom* season — is a convicted armed robber in his mid-thirties. After spending most of the past 15 years behind bars, he wants to go straight. This is proving tough for someone who stabbed his own

father at the age of 14 (I give him eight stitches) and who is finding it hard to find a job because he is doddled in tattsos ("People see it and they know straight away, like. Obviously someone who's been in jail or a stupid idiot.")

But his real skill in the Suburb would be in ending all inter-community bickering, such as the dispute over the *eruv*. He has a tried and trusted technique, which we learnt about when Sharon suggests that "no man should hit a woman". Tony disagrees: "Some women need a slap. They do. When I was with that Lena and that, she had a mouth on her that she just wouldn't shut up. Like if we're having an argument and I say, right, that's it, shut up. I'm gonna smack you, you know, common sense tells you to shut up. But I don't think a lot of women have got a lot of common sense."

He doesn't mean Dame Henrietta, does he? Call Peter Loyd. Quick.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (18817)

7.00am Breakfast News (1) (58175)

9.00am Breakfast News Extra (1) (58888)

9.20am Ready, Steady, Cook (1) (101088)

9.50am Killy (1) (581158)

10.30am Who? Do the Pudding? (21525)

11.00am News (1) and weather (727834)

11.15am Day South (728088)

11.50am Good Neighbours (229971)

12.00am News (1) Regional News and weather (727834)

12.00pm Call My Bluff (545175)

12.25pm News (1) (581594)

1.00pm News (1) and weather (727834)

1.30pm Regional News (2278025)

1.40pm Perry Mason: The Case of the Ruthless Reporter (1891) A television reporter is falsely accused of murdering a presenter. With Raymond Burr (1) (1) (388224)

3.10pm Quincey The medical profession close ranks around a doctor whose young patient died while undergoing an abortion (1) (5894158)

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6.00pm News (1) and weather (589)

6.30pm Regional News (1) (589)

7.00pm Summer Holiday A fly-drive to Toronto, Montreal and the Niagara Falls; an all-inclusive holiday in Majorca; and cruising the Norfolk Broads (1) (589)

7.30pm EastEnders An angriest bout of fistfists could be on the cards as hard-nosed Grant and boxing promoter George clash (1) (589)

8.00pm Driving School Trainee police driver Tom hits the side as he collides with a car. The car is a 1990s model, and Rick's determined efforts are threatened by a lack of funds (1) (2158)

8.30pm Only Fools and Horses Dai takes a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve his social standing (1) (1) (589)

9.00pm News (1) and weather (589)

9.30pm The Broker's Man Jimmy's suspicions are raised by news of a huge insurance payout to the family of a war pilot (1) (589)

10.20pm Crimewatch UK Viewers are called on to help identify the murderer who savagely attacked Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter, leaving only nine-year-old Josie alive on a walk home from school. And the robbery of a Liverpool bank are sought (1) (589)

11.05pm You Decide John's sympathy invites a "chick" to help him find a new home. A phone-in vote decides the final verdict (1) (589)

12.00pm Crimewatch UK Update (589422)

12.10pm Montana (1890) Contemporary western with Richard Gere and Gene Hackman as a feuding couple fighting over their beloved ranch. Directed by William A. Graham (589)

1.40pm Weather (589498)

BBC2

6.00am Open University: The University of Salamanca (728158) 6.25am Ferrara Planning the Ideal City (721653) 6.50am Religion and Society (642717)

7.15pm See Hear Breakfast News (1) and singing (58127972)

7.30pm The Moonbeams (1) (7248330) 7.55pm Get Your Own Back (1) (1) (5817882) 8.20pm The Broke (1) (5895853) 8.35pm The Record (727832) 8.50pm Warner Brothers Cartoon (1) (5895758) 9.10pm The Phil Spector Show (1) (1067866) 9.35pm Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2775408) 10.00pm Teletubbies (25427)

10.30pm Song of the Road (1937, b/w) Drama with Bransford Williams, directed by John Schlesinger (5894040)

11.40pm Blue Mountain Caring (5892025) 11.55pm Consuming Passions (589578) 12.00pm See Hear (1) (7) (58958) 12.30pm Working Lunch (17311)

1.00pm Joshua Jones (1) (23399175) 1.10pm On the Beaten Track (5892953) 1.40pm Bookbusters (58974038) 2.05pm The Natural World (1) (1) (5892783) 2.30pm The Cat (1) (7127023) 2.50pm Captain Star New series (589137) 4.45pm The Scoop New series (589359)

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HTV

6.00am GMTV (5877048)

9.25pm Local or Draw (1) (1005427)

9.55pm Regional News (5895854)

10.00pm The Time, the Place (12953)

10.30pm This Morning (1) (5895576)

12.20pm Regional News (5895851)

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12.54pm HTV Crimewatch (5892922) 12.55pm Shortland Street (2157521) 1.25pm Home and Away (1) (189359) 1.50pm Lc Earle's Lives (1) (5893795) 2.20pm Message from Nam (589578) 2.50pm Steel Melodrama (1) (1) (1) (5895856)

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12.55pm-1.25pm Country Practice (589752)

1.10-1.40pm Shortland Street (189359)

6.25-7.00pm Central News (5895851)

7.30-8.00pm Blenheim Palace (427)

11.40pm Highlander (589158)

12.40pm Movie Club (589422)

1.10pm Film: Harlequin (589422)

2.55pm Focus (422996)

3.40pm The Big Match Replay (589422)

4.20pm Central Jinx (1) (589422)

5.20pm Asian Eye (589422)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

5.10-5.40pm Home and Away (189359)

6.00pm Meridian Tonight (589)

6.30-7.00pm The Antiques Trail (243)

7.30-8.00pm Serve You Right Live (427)

11.40pm Prisoner: Cell Block H (589158)

5.00pm FreeScreen (38915)

ANGLIA

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12.55-1.25pm Country Practice (589752)

4.30-4.45pm The Scoop (1035392)

5.10-5.40pm Shortland Street (189359)

6.25-7.00pm Anglia News (453601)

7.30-8.00pm Heirloom (427)

11.40pm Charlie Grace (589158)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (51427)

7.00pm The Big Breakfast (58935)

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6.00am 5 News Early (5667408)

7.30am Newsweek (7493595) 8.00am Adventures in Time (7383392)

8.30am WorldWide Continuing the history and development of Earth (6-10) (7382665)

9.00am Espresso (2082953) 10.00am Wild States Bay of Thundering Ice: Glacier Bay in Alaska (1) (1) (5892663) 10.30pm Hot Property (1) (1) (7382427)

11.00pm Looze (5442423) 11.50pm Double Espresso (1) (1) (7382427)

12.00pm The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (7382775) 12.30pm Family Affairs (1) (1) (5897137) 1.00pm 5 News Update (5891773) 1.05pm Sunset Beach (1) (5892224) 2.00pm 5 News (5890779)

3.30pm Two Tickets to Broadway (1951) Starring Tony Martin and Janet Leigh. A musical about young hopefuls trying to make the big time on Broadway. Directed by James V. Kern (5891224)

5.30pm 100 Per Cent (1) (7307717)

6.30pm Family Affairs Cash tells Maria not to get involved in Tim's case (1) (771882)

7.00pm Exclusive Showbiz news and reviews (5890021)

7.30pm Treasure Islands A wildlife documentary about Lundy Island, Britain's first marine nature reserve (1) (771886)

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Atherton remains upbeat after Australia complete emphatic triumph to level series

England retreat to lick their wounds

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of five): Australia beat England by 268 runs

THE measure of a team, as Michael Atherton emphasised yesterday, is how they react to a setback. After the manner and margin of their defeat in Manchester, Atherton's England must react with impressive strength and speed if the Ashes dream is not to suffer a familiar fate.

Australia completed the formalities of victory in the third Cornhill Test at 12.30pm, before a surprisingly large crowd taking advantage of free admission. England's remaining five wickets had added 70 runs, but an ignominious performance was encapsulated in the moment when John Crawley, 17 short of a valiant century, trod on his stumps.

England were overwhelmed here, and the worst of it is that it happened with conditions in their favour. They could not have asked for a better pitch to bowl on last Thursday or for much more favourable batting

conditions on Friday, but Australia made too many runs and England way too few.

Once that had happened, the rest was preordained. There was no coming back. "You have to take your opportunities in this game and we missed ours," Atherton said. "We had the best of the pitch to bowl and bat on in the first innings and I would like to have seen us with a 100-run lead."

England's theory was sound enough. They wanted to bowl first when the pitch was damp, which suited their attack more than Australia's. Two things went awry — their own first-innings batting was dreadful and the dry, bare ends of the pitch, a prevailing problem on the Old Trafford square, played into the hands of the best leg spinner in the world, thereby justifying Mark Taylor's audacious decision to bat first.

"Our game-plan was to bowl them out cheaply and get a decent lead," the England captain said. "We had the right team for the plan and the

right conditions, but we batted ourselves into a hole.

"Negative is a strong word, but we should have reacted quicker to the situations that confronted us. If we had made 300, it would have been a different story."

Chastened he may be, but Atherton was far from downcast as the series reached its midway point at 1-1. One of the contrary quirks of Atherton's nature is that he is invariably at his most animated in adversity, and this was certainly the case yesterday. He sat erect, smiled and spoke positively and lucidly.

"You are never going to dominate a team like Australia throughout a series and we have to hold our hands up and admit they outplayed us here," he said. "But I feel very confident we can bowl them out twice and that we can win at least one of the next three games."

Importantly, he said it as if he meant it. His next job, and that of the coach, David Lloyd, is to impress such belief upon the players, some of whom looked careworn in this match. An extra week's grace before the next Test is a benefit, as is the scope and intention to gather the squad at Headingley a day earlier than usual.

England's first defeat in eight Tests was never likely to be delayed beyond lunchtime yesterday and Taylor immediately set his two best bowlers upon the dregs of the batting. Warne should have hastened the end when Crawley, on 68, was put down by Blewett at short leg, but it was Glenn McGrath who fed on the cheap pickings.

Bowling at a sustained and distinctly sharp pace from the Stretford End, McGrath first had Mark Ealham caught behind. The one-handed take, low to his right, was but one feature of an exemplary display by Healy. It ended a sixth-wicket stand of 74 of which Ealham, in 98 minutes of vigilant resistance, had made only nine.

Without yet doing anything exceptional, Ealham has proved himself a resolute and adaptable cricketer. The suspicion persists that he may not

be quite good enough either as batsman or bowler, the principal criterion for an all-rounder, but he has already batted a considerable time at the head of an otherwise submissive lower order.

Robert Croft is a grave disappointment in this respect. Australia have identified a weakness against the short ball and are exploiting it mercilessly. McGrath, with a cannily set field, had him caught at leg gully, fending with head thrown back. He departed, by contrast, with head hung low, aware that he has a considerable problem to address.

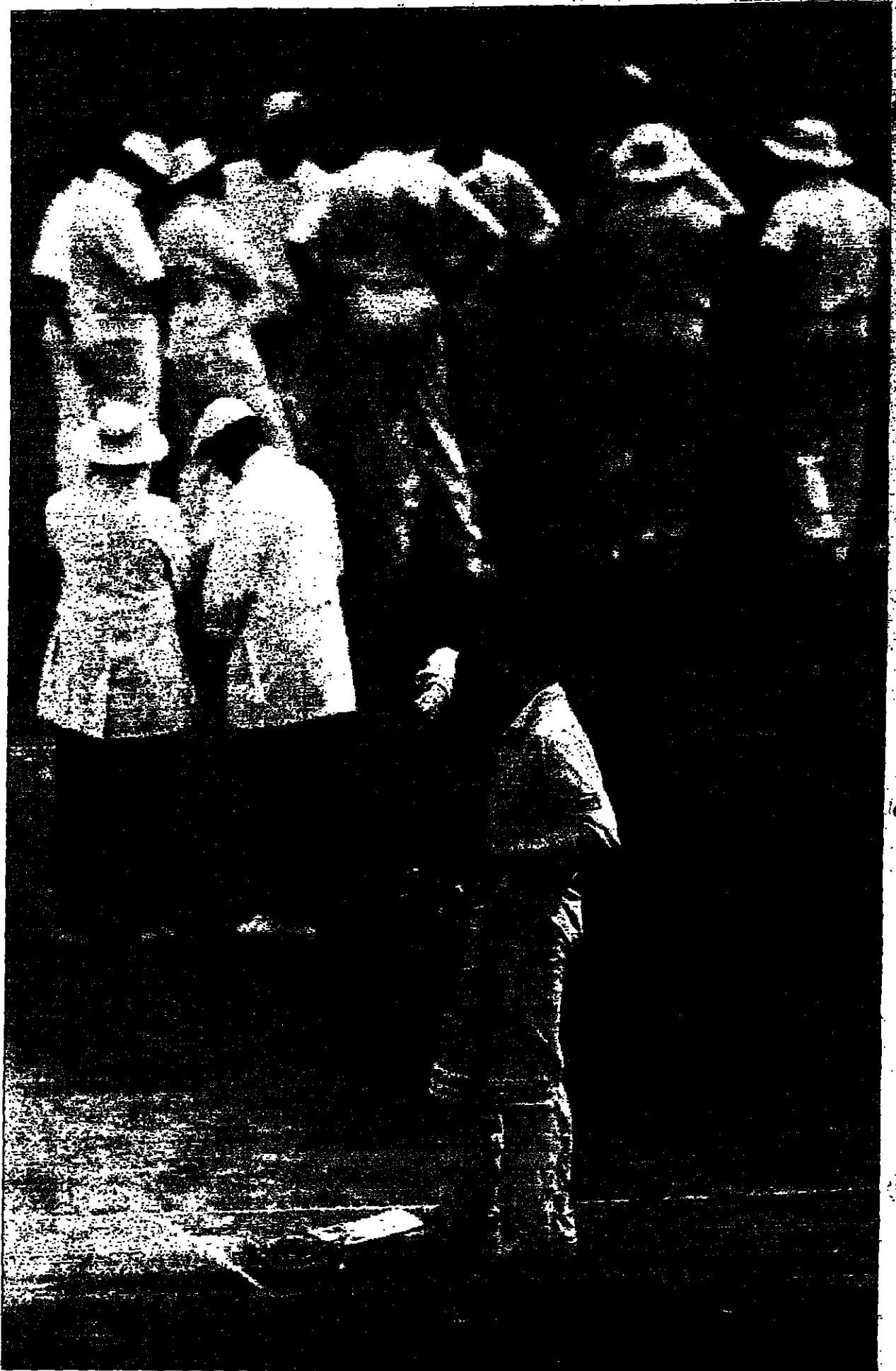
Something similar might have been said about Crawley before his batting here. His first-innings scores in the series have been one, one and four (Atherton, with two, one and five, is scarcely better), but he pre-empted any speculation about his place with an innings, fluent and technically accomplished.

It might be said that he made his runs under less pressure, the game being all but lost anyway, but this would be churlish reward for a player still clearly capable of better than he has delivered. He profited from some dross served up by Bevan and, yesterday, from Warne, but put away the bad balls with disdainful timing.

He would surely have made his third Test century if he had not duplicated Atherton's dismissal at Lord's by going back too far and dislodging a ball with his right heel. McGrath then hit the off stump of a cavalier Gough, at which point he had taken four for 15 in 31 balls, and Warne appropriately wrapped things up, completing match figures of nine for 111.

It was Australia's third successive win at Old Trafford and we know what happened after the previous two. Atherton is convinced that it will not happen again. "I back my players," he said, "and I would put good money with the bookies that we have the same squad for Headingley."

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Crawley feels the heat while Australia celebrate the fall of another England wicket on their way to victory yesterday



Taylor is brimming with satisfaction as the Australia captain leads his team from the field at Old Trafford

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 - 9 Calm, quiet (5)
 - 10 Dangerously fast (speed) (9)
 - 11 Debi acknowledgment (1,1,1,1)
 - 12 Flax fabric (5)
 - 14 Bi-nup's area (7)
 - 15 Snake (7)
 - 17 Additional (5)
 - 19 GSS Princess: Judgment of Paris' mount (5)
 - 20 Offensively outputting (9)
 - 22 Elk (5)
 - 23 Connection (7)
- DOWN
- 1 In words (6)
 - 2 I claim that: pit (4)
 - 3 Shattered by loss of love (7)
 - 4 Loom up (6)
 - 5 Spoil person's plans (5,4,4)
 - 6 Obvious customs document (6)
 - 7 Make sure: fast (6)
 - 8 Yeller of tale (5)
 - 15 Part of plant: mark of disgrace (6)
 - 16 Dislodge, knock over (6)
 - 18 Growth on head, has tines (4)
 - 21 At a distance (4)

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Taylor's troops in mood to party

Simon Wilde senses growing optimism in the touring camp midway through the Test series

HAVING levelled the series, Australia will now be able to enjoy their mid-tour "holiday". In the next eight days, their playing commitments are confined to one-day games against Minor Counties today and Scotland on Saturday: the rest of the time will be spent relaxing. Sinking a few putts and "ninnies" is high on the agenda.

Only now that his side has achieved parity is Mark Taylor willing to admit that he has spent an uncomfortable four weeks trailing in the series. Now, he points out bullishly, that Australia are actually ahead. "We hold the Ashes," he said, "so at 1-1 we are really in front."

There are, of course, a few matters still causing the touring party concern. Michael Bevan must find ways of shoring up his confidence in the matches against Glamorgan and Middlesex that preceded the fourth Test at Headingley on July 24, while Taylor will try not to be alarmed about successive personal Test scores of one, two and one.

By concentrating on the result at Old Trafford, and the glib-edged performances of Steve Waugh and Shane Warne, he ought to manage

that. Warne has been given permission to fly to Melbourne today to spend a few days with his wife, Simone, and daughter, Brooke, who was born six days before the third Test began.

Taylor yesterday defended his decision to bat first on a seaming pitch. "People say it was a huge gamble, but to me it was not, not with a leg spinner of the quality of Shane Waugh in your side. People have been writing him off for the last six weeks, but no one can take six or seven wickets every Test match."

"Shane has had two games in which he did not bowl at his best, but he still commanded respect and, in this game, found his rhythm and got us into a position where we could win the game."

"Do not get me wrong, I thought about bowling and was 50-50 until the morning of the game. What swung me was the last rolling the pitch received at about 10.20am which made it look more like the one in 1993. I said to the guys that we would be batting and that it was going to be tough. But I liked our chances bowling last."

In fact, without Waugh's heroic batting and a pronounced change in the weather that turned the pitch in Warne's favour, the match might have taken a very different course. Taylor could easily have been left with egg on his face and Australia with a very loose grip on the Ashes.

COMPLETE OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

Australia won 1997	1	M A Atherton bow b Gillespie	21
Australia 1st Innings	15	1st Inn 38 overs, 10 w 110	
M A Taylor c Thorpe b Headley	2	TA J Stewart b Warne	1
M T G Elliott c Stewart b Headley	40	1st Inn 38 overs, 10 w 110	
G S Blewett b Gough	8	N Hussain bow b Gillespie	1
G S Blewett b Gough	8	GP Thorpe c Healy b Warne	7
M E Waugh c Stewart b Ealham	12	J P Crawley bow b McGrath	9
S R Waugh b Gough	108	M A Ealham c Healy b McGrath	8
M G Bevan c Stewart b Headley	7	R D Croft c Healy b McGrath	7
H A Healy c Stewart b Gough	9	D Gough bow out	6
S K Warne c Stewart b Ealham	3	Warne 12 overs, 11 runs	
P R Reilly b Gough	21	A R Caddick c Gillespie b Warne	17
N G Gillespie c Stewart b Headley	0	D W Headley not out	20
G D McGrath not out	0	Warne 4 overs	30
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TA J Stewart b Warne	30	N Hussain bow b Gillespie	1
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